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**Cc:** Bowles, Jack[Bowles.Jack@epa.gov]; Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]; Kupchan, Simma[Kupchan.Simma@epa.gov]  
**From:** Eisenberg, Mindy  
**Sent:** Fri 3/24/2017 7:00:50 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Fyi draft federalism paper

Thanks Mark. We will need OGC's position on this issue fairly quickly as we engage states while also working on our preamble. You may want to chat with Simma Kupchan further.

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**Sent:** Friday, March 24, 2017 2:57 PM  
**To:** Hanson, Andrew <Hanson.Andrew@epa.gov>; Christensen, Damaris <Christensen.Damaris@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Eisenberg, Mindy <Eisenberg.Mindy@epa.gov>; Bowles, Jack <Bowles.Jack@epa.gov>; Bangerter, Layne <bangerter.layne@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Fyi draft federalism paper

## Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process

**From:** Hanson, Andrew  
**Sent:** Friday, March 24, 2017 2:32:31 PM  
**To:** Christensen, Damaris  
**Cc:** Eisenberg, Mindy; Bowles, Jack; Talty, Mark; Bangerter, Layne  
**Subject:** RE: Fyi draft federalism paper

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Since I know you needed these in a hurry, please be advised that these were not reviewed by Jack and Layne.

(much less Jack LaLanne)

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Hope this helped!

**From:** Christensen, Damaris

**Sent:** Friday, March 24, 2017 10:56 AM

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**Subject:** Fyi draft federalism paper

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**From:** Cathy Milbourn  
**Sent:** Fri 5/12/2017 12:11:59 PM  
**Subject:** EPA and Pebble Limited Partnership Reach Settlement Agreement

**CONTACT:**  
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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
May 12, 2017

## **EPA and Pebble Limited Partnership Reach Settlement Agreement**

*EPA Agrees to Allow Permit Process to Proceed; Pebble Agrees to Drop Lawsuits*

**WASHINGTON** --The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency entered into a settlement agreement with the Pebble Limited Partnership to resolve litigation from 2014 relating to EPA's prior work in the Bristol Bay watershed in Alaska. The settlement provides the Pebble Limited Partnership (Pebble) an opportunity to apply for a Clean Water Act (CWA) permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers before EPA may move forward with its CWA process to specify limits on the disposal of certain material in connection with the potential "Pebble Mine."

"We are committed to due process and the rule of law, and regulations that are 'regular,'" said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt. "We understand how much the community cares about this issue, with passionate advocates on all sides. The agreement will not guarantee or prejudice a particular outcome, but will provide Pebble a fair process for their permit application and help steer EPA away from costly and time-consuming litigation. We are committed to listening to all voices as this process unfolds."

### Key Terms of the Settlement:

- Pebble and the U.S. Department of Justice (on behalf of the EPA) will ask the U.S. District Court for the District of Alaska to dismiss the cases with prejudice and to lift the court-ordered preliminary injunction.
- EPA agrees to commence a process to propose to withdraw the currently pending proposed determination, consistent with its regulations.
- EPA agrees that it will not move to the next step in its CWA process, which would be to issue a recommended determination (determination steps are: proposed, recommended, final), until 48 months from settlement or until the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers issues its final environmental impact statement, whichever comes first. To take advantage of this period of forbearance, Pebble would have to file its permit application within 30 months.
- Pebble will drop its lawsuits and requests for fees against EPA, and agree to file no new

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests during the pendency of the "forbearance" period.

- EPA may use its scientific assessment regarding the Bristol Bay Watershed without limitation.

Background:

In 2014, under the previous administration, EPA's Region 10 completed a multi-year watershed assessment in Bristol Bay, and then issued a CWA Section 404(c) proposed determination, which described restrictions on large-scale mining in the watershed. Section 404 is the part of the CWA that governs the permit evaluation process for actions that discharge dredged or fill material into a covered water.

The May 11, 2017 settlement does not guarantee or prejudice any particular outcome to this process, but does ensure that the process will be carried out in a fair, transparent, deliberate, and regular way.

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**From:** Shapiro, Mike  
**Sent:** Mon 3/27/2017 10:11:20 PM  
**Subject:** RE: April 6 or 7 mtg with Western Water?

Patrick,

Yes, this would be a good group to meet with. The challenge is those are the two days of the ECOS meeting. But I think we should be able to get senior folks from OW. I will work on calendars tomorrow and get back to you with the best time.

Mike

Michael Shapiro

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**From:** Davis, Patrick  
**Sent:** Monday, March 27, 2017 5:25 PM  
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**Subject:** FW: April 6 or 7 mtg with Western Water?

Hi Mike,

Are you familiar with Western Urban Water Coalition?

<http://www.wuwc.org/>

Who from your shop would be available on April 6 or 7 to answer questions from this group?

Thanks,

Patrick Davis

**From:** Patrick Davis [ **Personal Email/Ex. 6** ]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 21, 2017 5:51 PM  
**To:** Davis, Patrick <[davis.patrick@epa.gov](mailto:davis.patrick@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Fw: April 6 or 7 mtg with Western Water?

On Tuesday, March 21, 2017 2:21 PM, Andrew Colosimo <[acolosimo@csu.org](mailto:acolosimo@csu.org)> wrote:

Hi Patrick - as I mentioned the other day the Western Urban Water Coalition is meeting in DC on April 6th and 7th and would like to request a meeting with EPA to discuss western municipal water issues.

We are available to come down to EPA on Thursday, April 6th at 3:30 or 4:00 pm or Friday April 7th at 10:00 or 11:00 am.

The group would be about 20-25 executives from major western water providers - Denver, Las Vegas, San Francisco, Phoenix, San Diego and of course Colorado Springs.

Let me know if this works on your end. Thanks - Andy

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Richardson, RobinH  
**Sent:** Thur 3/23/2017 10:00:18 PM  
**Subject:** FW: Delegation of Authority  
AD Pruitt's Delegation of Authority to Chief of Staff to Sign Dox for Him March 2017.pdf

Hi all - FYI

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**Sent:** Wednesday, March 22, 2017 1:05 PM  
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**Cc:** Hope, Brian <Hope.Brian@epa.gov>; Gaines, Cynthia <Gaines.Cynthia@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Delegation of Authority

Please see the attached memorandum from the Administrator. Thank You.

Anne Hargrove

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**Cc:** Richardson, RobinH[Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov]; Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]  
**From:** Bowles, Jack  
**Sent:** Tue 4/11/2017 7:26:10 PM  
**Subject:** RE: 4/19 WOTUS Federalism Briefing - Invitees

Can we set up a phone line for these groups? Reps of the LGAC would also like to call in.

We can make it a very controlled phone line if need be.

Best,

Jack

**From:** Hanson, Andrew  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 11, 2017 9:37 AM  
**To:** Lousberg, Macara <Lousberg.Macara@epa.gov>; Ruf, Christine <Ruf.Christine@epa.gov>; Goodin, John <Goodin.John@epa.gov>; Christensen, Damaris <Christensen.Damaris@epa.gov>; Campbell, Ann <Campbell.Ann@epa.gov>  
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**Subject:** FW: 4/19 WOTUS Federalism Briefing - Invitees

Updated invitees list. Note, WGA, IOGCC, WSWC and ASWM do not have DC offices. However, Jeanne Christie (ASWM, Maine) may travel to DC for the meeting.

Alex Dunn, Carolyn Hanson – ECOS

Andy Karellas, Jeff Stockdale - Council of State Governments

Judy Sheahan – U.S. Conference of Mayors

Carolyn Berndt – National League of Cities

Julie Ufner – National Association of Counties

Ben Husch, Kristen Hildreth – National Conference of State Legislatures

Alex Schaefer – National Governors Association

Mike Griffin, Jack Peterson – County Executives of America

Jennifer Imo – National Association of Towns and Townships

Amber Snowden – International City/County Managers Association

Holly Propst – Western Governors Association

Adam Krantz, Nathan Gardner-Andrews – Nat'l Assoc of Clean Water Agencies

Julia Anastasio, Sean Rolland – Association of Clean Water Administrators

Gerry Baker – Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission

Nathan Bowen – Nat'l Association of State Departments of Agriculture

Jeanne Christie, Peg Bostwick – Association of State Wetlands Managers

Shannon Eggleston – National Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials

Tony Willardson – Western States Water Council

**From:** Cheatham-Strickland, Latonia  
**Location:** DCRoomARN3428/OCIR  
**Importance:** High  
**Subject:** Canceled: Daily Check-In  
**Start Date/Time:** Thur 4/6/2017 2:15:00 PM  
**End Date/Time:** Thur 4/6/2017 3:00:00 PM

Call In Number:

Conference Ext. :

Participant Code:

**To:** Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]  
**From:** Hannon, Arnita  
**Sent:** Mon 4/10/2017 9:09:16 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Taunton Response Letter

Aaaaaamen and Aaaamen☺! Totally my sentiments and yep, we'll indeed stick together oh yes, pretty fiercely protective I think you can see too. We'll be the "A" Team keep shining – Gooo OIR - yaaay!

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**From:** Bangerter, Layne  
**Sent:** Monday, April 10, 2017 5:05 PM  
**To:** Hannon, Arnita <Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Taunton Response Letter

We are the cool people. I think you understand my heart and I know yours and that is a wonderful thing. We have to standby and protect each other and keep doing the good work.!

I

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Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 10, 2017, at 4:51 PM, Hannon, Arnita <[Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov](mailto:Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov)> wrote:

Thank you sooo much! Bless your heart. And yep, you see, we can feel your confidence in us and frankly, that is part of what spurs us on with good feelings to do the very BEST we can. Don't tell anyone but the Cool People's Row ( I think you have discovered that's our little corner over here that is 24/7 - is buzzing with yaaay we lucked out! Ahhh- Yep I guess I do run run run run some good folks – I say I have the BEST portfolio in the world because mayors and other local officials give and give so unselfishly in thankless positions – but great that they have hearts for PEOPLE and they are fulfilled fighting for their communities yes!

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**To:** Hannon, Arnita <[Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov](mailto:Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Taunton Response Letter

Not just saying this and you know I'm speaking the truth when I say I will really appreciate our team. I appreciate your work and I appreciate the good people you run run run run run!

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On Apr 10, 2017, at 4:42 PM, Hannon, Arnita <[Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov](mailto:Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov)> wrote:

Oh wow Layne, thank you sooo much! Your support means a lot, and I think – and hope – you are seeing how we are so glad to have YOU heading our team. Plus it is a great feeling to know that you appreciate and share our commitment to helping communities!

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**Sent:** Monday, April 10, 2017 4:38 PM  
**To:** Hannon, Arnita <[Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov](mailto:Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Taunton Response Letter

You do great work

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On Apr 10, 2017, at 4:34 PM, Hannon, Arnita <[Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov](mailto:Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov)> wrote:

Awww thank you sooo much!

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**Sent:** Monday, April 10, 2017 4:32 PM  
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**Subject:** Re: Taunton Response Letter

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Thanks!

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**Sent:** Monday, April 10, 2017 4:28 PM

**To:** Hannon, Arnita <[Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov](mailto:Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: Taunton Response Letter

Let me take one final look at that tomorrow.

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On Apr 10, 2017, at 4:09 PM, Hannon, Arnita <[Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov](mailto:Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hi Layne!

Just looping back on any edits you might have to the attached letter. Also, didn't know if there might be anyone else who would need to look at it before we finalized. Deborah Nagle just checked in so I want to keep her and Steve updated. Thank you so very much!

Oops – also on the great background pieces Steve provided for Billy Kirkland – checking to see if you wanted me to shoot them on over to Billy and copy you, or will you do the honors. He'll appreciate so much I'm sure.

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**Sent:** Friday, April 07, 2017 7:21 PM

**To:** Bangerter, Layne <[bangerter.layne@epa.gov](mailto:bangerter.layne@epa.gov)>

**Cc:** Neugeboren, Steven <[Neugeboren.Steven@epa.gov](mailto:Neugeboren.Steven@epa.gov)>; Nagle, Deborah  
<[Nagle.Deborah@epa.gov](mailto:Nagle.Deborah@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** Taunton Response Letter

Layne – For this letter, I just put in your contact info (actually I have to get your direct number on Monday) plus mine plus Doug's from Region 1 if this is ok with Steve and Deborah. That was the only change and we can work with this on Monday.

Thanks to all!

Arnita

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**Cc:** Bowles, Jack[Bowles.Jack@epa.gov]; Matthews, Demond[matthews.demond@epa.gov]  
**From:** Hannon, Arnita  
**Sent:** Thur 5/4/2017 8:45:17 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Taunton follow up

Lee thank you so very much and this clears things up for sure! Really appreciate and sorry I had to circle back but glad we are all straight now. Layne is happy to sign and Demond and I will move the letter promptly and copy all of you plus Billy Kirkland over at WHIG since I am keeping Billy updated.

Thanks to all of you😊!

Arnita

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Arnita,

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**Subject:** FW: Taunton follow up

Hi Team!

We are trying to move the response to Taunton Mayor Hoye's latest correspondence along. Thanks to Pooja for sending the DRAFT to our office for Layne's review. Layne is fine with the letter.

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Thanks all!

Arnita

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**Subject:** Fwd: Taunton follow up

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Moraff, Kenneth" <[Moraff.Ken@epa.gov](mailto:Moraff.Ken@epa.gov)>

**Date:** May 4, 2017 at 4:11:47 PM EDT

**To:** "Bowles, Jack" <[Bowles.Jack@epa.gov](mailto:Bowles.Jack@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** FW: Taunton follow up

Jack –

As we just discussed.

Ken

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Bangerter, Layne" <[bangerter.layne@epa.gov](mailto:bangerter.layne@epa.gov)>

**Date:** May 2, 2017 at 11:04:37 AM EDT

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**Subject: RE: Taunton follow up**

Guess I better weigh-in, but this is consistent to what we have said all along. Let our attorney's lead...

Thanks,

Layne

-----Original Message-----

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Sent: Tuesday, May 2, 2017 10:05 AM  
To: Hannon, Arnita <Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov>; Nagle, Deborah  
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Subject: RE: Taunton follow up

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Thanks, Samir, for working on a draft response with David, Sarah, Lee & Pooja and quickly getting that down to OCIR for review and issuance.

Thanks,

Carl

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-----Original Message-----

From: Hannon, Arnita

Sent: Tuesday, May 02, 2017 9:40 AM  
To: Nagle, Deborah <[Nagle.Deborah@epa.gov](mailto:Nagle.Deborah@epa.gov)>  
Cc: Schroer, Lee <[schroer.lee@epa.gov](mailto:schroer.lee@epa.gov)>; Gutro, Doug <[Gutro.Doug@epa.gov](mailto:Gutro.Doug@epa.gov)>;  
Bowles, Jack <[Bowles.Jack@epa.gov](mailto:Bowles.Jack@epa.gov)>; Bangerter, Layne  
<[bangerter.layne@epa.gov](mailto:bangerter.layne@epa.gov)>; Parikh, Pooja <[Parikh.Pooja@epa.gov](mailto:Parikh.Pooja@epa.gov)>; Bukhari, Samir  
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Steven <[Neugeboren.Steven@epa.gov](mailto:Neugeboren.Steven@epa.gov)>; Matthews, Demond  
<[matthews.demond@epa.gov](mailto:matthews.demond@epa.gov)>  
Subject: Re: Taunton follow up

Thanks so much Deborah! I think this is shaping up to be total agreement on that path and will now yield to headquarters and regional lawyers to work on this response and keep us all looped. Steve, Lee, Samir-will you lead and circulate the draft for this crowd as Fyi and then finalize? And cc our DOJ friends on the final? Sound ok group?

Thank you!

Arnita

Thanks everyone

Sent from my iPhone

On May 2, 2017, at 12:45 AM, Nagle, Deborah <[Nagle.Deborah@epa.gov](mailto:Nagle.Deborah@epa.gov)> wrote:

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Deborah

Sent from my iPhone

On May 1, 2017, at 2:31 PM, Hannon, Arnita <[Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov](mailto:Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov)> wrote:

Thank you so very much Lee for sharing this very helpful DOJ guidance! I know Deborah Nagle is on travel right now but I will try to coordinate an internal meeting with all of you as soon as she and Layne signal, and as you said, we can confirm at that meeting how to respond. Or, if you and Steve and Samir and the others think a conference call would be easier and quicker in terms of settling, we can make that work.

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Thanks all!

Arnita

Sent from my iPhone

On May 1, 2017, at 5:07 PM, Schroer, Lee <[schroer.lee@epa.gov](mailto:schroer.lee@epa.gov)> wrote:

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## **Attorney-Client & Deliberative Process/Ex. 5**

Lee

Lee C. Schroer

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Washington, D.C. 20460

Tel: 202-564-5476

-----Original Message-----

From: Hannon, Arnita

Sent: Monday, May 01, 2017 10:59 AM

To: Neugeboren, Steven <[Neugeboren.Steven@epa.gov](mailto:Neugeboren.Steven@epa.gov)>

Cc: Gutro, Doug <[Gutro.Doug@epa.gov](mailto:Gutro.Doug@epa.gov)>; Bowles, Jack

<[Bowles.Jack@epa.gov](mailto:Bowles.Jack@epa.gov)>; Nagle, Deborah <[Nagle.Deborah@epa.gov](mailto:Nagle.Deborah@epa.gov)>;

Schroer, Lee <[schroer.lee@epa.gov](mailto:schroer.lee@epa.gov)>; Bangerter, Layne

<[bangerter.layne@epa.gov](mailto:bangerter.layne@epa.gov)>; Parikh, Pooja <[Parikh.Pooja@epa.gov](mailto:Parikh.Pooja@epa.gov)>

Subject: Re: Taunton follow up

Thanks guys! Looking forward to seeing this. Really appreciate!

Arnita

Sent from my iPhone

On May 1, 2017, at 10:51 AM, Neugeboren, Steven  
<[Neugeboren.Steven@epa.gov](mailto:Neugeboren.Steven@epa.gov)> wrote:

Lee - pls share doj's advice with this group. thx

Steven Neugeboren  
Associate General Counsel  
Water Law Office  
Environmental Protection Agency  
202-564-5488

-----Original Message-----

From: Hannon, Arnita

Sent: Monday, May 01, 2017 10:11 AM

To: Gutro, Doug <[Gutro.Doug@epa.gov](mailto:Gutro.Doug@epa.gov)>

Cc: Bowles, Jack <[Bowles.Jack@epa.gov](mailto:Bowles.Jack@epa.gov)>; Nagle, Deborah

<[Nagle.Deborah@epa.gov](mailto:Nagle.Deborah@epa.gov)>; Neugeboren, Steven

<[Neugeboren.Steven@epa.gov](mailto:Neugeboren.Steven@epa.gov)>; Schroer, Lee  
<[schroer.lee@epa.gov](mailto:schroer.lee@epa.gov)>;

Bangerter, Layne <[bangerter.layne@epa.gov](mailto:bangerter.layne@epa.gov)>

Subject: Re: Taunton follow up

Hi-

Will update you after consulting with Layne, Deborah Nagle and a couple of others as I had suggested we have a conference call between headquarters and the region to chart a path forward like we did before.

Stay tuned and thanks for checking Doug.

Sent from my iPhone

On May 1, 2017, at 9:54 AM, Gutro, Doug  
<[Gutro.Doug@epa.gov](mailto:Gutro.Doug@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hi jack and aRNita

Senior leadership in the region asked me to check in to see how Mr Hall's latest request regarding Taunton is being handled.

Thanks

Doug

Sent from my iPhone

**To:** Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]  
**From:** Wilkes, Quianna  
**Sent:** Fri 4/7/2017 1:15:25 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting

Should I add a subject of just call it meeting?

-----Original Message-----

From: Bangerter, Layne  
Sent: Thursday, April 06, 2017 9:29 PM  
To: Wilkes, Quianna <Wilkes.Quianna@epa.gov>  
Subject: Meeting

Can you put a meeting on my calendar for 2 PM Monday at the Hart office building Suite 320

Sent from my iPhone

**To:** Alexandra Dunn[adunn@ecos.org]  
**Cc:** Wagner, Kenneth[wagner.kenneth@epa.gov]; Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]  
**From:** Bennett, Tate  
**Sent:** Fri 3/31/2017 9:16:29 PM  
**Subject:** Thanks

Alex!

Breakfast this morning was delicious and we enjoyed the conversation even more. Thank you for putting together an opportunity for us to meet the entire coalition.

See you during "ECOS Week!"

Tate

Elizabeth Tate Bennett

Sr. Advisor to the Administrator

Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

**To:** Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]  
**From:** Bangerter, Layne  
**Sent:** Sun 4/23/2017 6:36:07 AM  
**Subject:** Automatic reply: Administrator Pruitt Statement on Earth Day

I will be out of the office April 20, 2017 and returning on April 26th. I will be checking email periodically.

**To:** Davis, Patrick[davis.patrick@epa.gov]; Breen, Barry[Breen.Barry@epa.gov]; Lyons, Troy[lyons.troy@epa.gov]; Shapiro, Mike[Shapiro.Mike@epa.gov]; Wagner, Kenneth[wagner.kenneth@epa.gov]; Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]  
**From:** Grantham, Nancy  
**Sent:** Fri 4/7/2017 6:06:14 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Interest in meeting Colorado Forum on May 5

Absolutely ..thanks ng

**From:** Davis, Patrick  
**Sent:** Friday, April 07, 2017 2:00 PM  
**To:** Breen, Barry <Breen.Barry@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>; Shapiro, Mike <Shapiro.Mike@epa.gov>; Wagner, Kenneth <wagner.kenneth@epa.gov>; Bangerter, Layne <bangerter.layne@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Interest in meeting Colorado Forum on May 5

Hi Team,

Would you have time on your schedule to meet members of the Colorado Forum (<http://www.coloradoforum.com/>) when they are in DC on May 5 at 8 a.m.?

Patrick Davis

EPA

Special Assistant to the Administrator

202-564-3103 office

Personal Phone/Ex. 6 cell

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**To:** Hanson, Andrew[Hanson.Andrew@epa.gov]; Christensen, Damaris[Christensen.Damaris@epa.gov]  
**Cc:** Eisenberg, Mindy[Eisenberg.Mindy@epa.gov]; Bowles, Jack[Bowles.Jack@epa.gov]; Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]  
**From:** Talty, Mark  
**Sent:** Fri 3/24/2017 6:56:43 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Fyi draft federalism paper

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**From:** Hanson, Andrew  
**Sent:** Friday, March 24, 2017 2:32:31 PM  
**To:** Christensen, Damaris  
**Cc:** Eisenberg, Mindy; Bowles, Jack; Talty, Mark; Bangerter, Layne  
**Subject:** RE: Fyi draft federalism paper

**D -**

Since I know you needed these in a hurry, please be advised that these were not reviewed by Jack and Layne.

(much less Jack LaLanne)

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Hope this helped!

**From:** Christensen, Damaris  
**Sent:** Friday, March 24, 2017 10:56 AM  
**To:** Hanson, Andrew <Hanson.Andrew@epa.gov>; Talty, Mark <Talty.Mark@epa.gov>;  
Kupchan, Simma <Kupchan.Simma@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Fyi draft federalism paper

Afraid all I can do from my phone is forward a track changes version but given that I'm out for an hour and timeframes are tight I'm forwarding this along for your quick review. We are hoping to send up by 3.

**To:** Lyons, Troy[lyons.troy@epa.gov]; Richardson, RobinH[Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov]; Bennett, Tate[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]; Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]; Hanson, Andrew[Hanson.Andrew@epa.gov]; Hannon, Arnita[Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov]; Banks, Portia[Banks.Portia@epa.gov]; Cook-Shyovitz, Becky[Cook-Shyovitz.Becky@epa.gov]; Eargle, Frances[Eargle.Frances@epa.gov]; Matthews, Demond[matthews.demond@epa.gov]; Scott, Sonya[scott.sonya@epa.gov]; Barber, Andrea[Barber.Andrea@epa.gov]; Saddler, Melissa[Saddler.Melissa@epa.gov]; Kent, Alison[Kent.Alison@epa.gov]; Dexter, Michael[Dexter-Luffberry.Michael@epa.gov]; Murphy, Dan[Murphy.Dan@epa.gov]; Osinski, Michael[Osinski.Michael@epa.gov]  
**From:** Bowles, Jack  
**Sent:** Fri 5/12/2017 12:06:20 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Telework Today

Good Morning Everyone –

I am teleworking today. You can reach me at the numbers below. Please try the office number first as it bounces to my home land line. I do have an 11:00am medical appointment that will take me until lunch.

Have a productive Friday and a great weekend.

Best Regards,

## Jack Bowles

Director of State & Local Relations  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
202-564-3657 (office) | Personal Phone/Ex. 6 mobile)

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**From:** Bowles, Jack  
**Sent:** Friday, May 5, 2017 8:07:00 AM  
**To:** Lyons, Troy; Richardson, RobinH; Bennett, Tate; Bangerter, Layne; Andrew Hanson; Arnita Hannon; Banks, Portia; Cook-Shyovitz, Becky; Eargle, Frances; Matthews, Demond; Sonya Scott; Barber, Andrea; Saddler, Melissa; Kent, Alison; Dexter, Michael; Murphy, Dan; Osinski, Michael  
**Subject:** Telework Today

Good Morning Everyone –

I am teleworking today until 2:00pm, at which point I will be on leave. You can reach me at the numbers below. Please try the office number first as it bounces to my home land line, and is a much better call experience than my mobile out here in the woods of western Fairfax. After 2:00pm, if you need to reach me try my mobile first. I will be driving and unable to respond to email promptly.

Have a productive Friday and a great weekend.

Best Regards,

**Jack Bowles**

Director of State & Local Relations

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

202-564-3657 (office) Personal Phone/Ex. 6 (mobile)

**From:** Bowles, Jack  
**Location:** Layne's Office  
**Importance:** Normal  
**Subject:** WOTUS / Federalism  
**Start Date/Time:** Fri 3/24/2017 3:00:00 PM  
**End Date/Time:** Fri 3/24/2017 3:30:00 PM

**To:** Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]  
**From:** Hanson, Andrew  
**Sent:** Tue 4/11/2017 7:21:07 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Ready to Call CEG Whenever

Can you shoot me a note confirming the precise title of the post (USDA Under Secretary for National Resources and Environment) and the committee (or sub) that CEG is on which will hold the hearing?

BTW, I came across an old article entitled **Bush Undersecretary Flirts with Jail**, referring to Mark R. Guess it'd be better to flirt **with** it than flirt **in** it.

**From:** Bangerter, Layne  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 11, 2017 1:59 PM  
**To:** Hanson, Andrew <Hanson.Andrew@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Ready to Call CEG Whenever

**To:** Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]  
**From:** Personal Email/Ex. 6  
**Sent:** Wed 3/29/2017 4:16:34 PM  
**Subject:** meeting with secretary

Layne, Good morning! We have a huge issue that is facing us in 2021 that needs to be addressed at the IMO International Marine Organization. Thru our research it was confirmed by the USCG that the EPA drives this process at the IMO. All US built boats 77 ft and larger have a temporary exemption for installing SCR( Selective Catalytic Reduction) units on our vessels. Our engineers can not build our boats with these units nor the intent of those were not for our vessels as we found out. It was the former admin who was pushing this thru the EPA in Ann Arbor over to the USCG IMO rep Jeff Lance. We need a discussion with your team on this and seek a permanent exemption as this will completely kill our large boat market in the future if carried out after 2021. We will bring our top engineer and Bob Healey Jr from the Viking Yacht Co to discuss and brief you on this. Please let me know what dates you may have for us. thanks and best regards,  
Jim

Jim Donofrio  
RFA

Personal Phone/Ex. 6

JOINRFA.ORG  
Director Govt Affairs  
Viking Yacht Co

Good morning John, see below. Christine

**From:** Hanson, Andrew  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 06, 2017 10:08 PM  
**To:** Goodin, John <Goodin.John@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Bowles, Jack <Bowles.Jack@epa.gov>; Eisenberg, Mindy <Eisenberg.Mindy@epa.gov>; Downing, Donna <Downing.Donna@epa.gov>; Christensen, Damaris <Christensen.Damaris@epa.gov>; Bangerter, Layne <bangerter.layne@epa.gov>; Ruf, Christine <Ruf.Christine@epa.gov>; Hope, Brian <Hope.Brian@epa.gov>; Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: WOTUS letter - signature process

Hi John,

Please keep in mind that the scanned digital version we (OCIR) send to our targeted Big 10 reps -- attached to an electronic scheduler -- will be the primary (most effective and expedient) means of ensuring the invitation letter gets to the right intergov association participants, incl. the water association reps. The greeting should be "Dear Intergovernmental Association Colleague".

The signed/mailed hard copy letters referred to below will be, as a practical matter, a superfluous part of the actual notification process.

EOn Apr 6, 2017, at 5:41 PM, Goodin, John <[Goodin.John@epa.gov](mailto:Goodin.John@epa.gov)> wrote:

Folks—below is where the process stands for sending out the Federalism invite letter tomorrow.

Jack—Brian Hope indicated he'd circulate the pdf since you'll want to send digitally as well. He also mentioned that Lincoln said the Administrator may have thoughts on the recipient list (now dropped from the letter itself).

Andrew and Damaris are taking a first cut at drafting presentation materials for the 19<sup>th</sup>, including how to characterize the Federalism opportunity in light of the two-step process.

Thanks

John

**From:** Knapp, Kristien

**Sent:** Thursday, April 06, 2017 5:28 PM

**To:** Hope, Brian <[Hope.Brian@epa.gov](mailto:Hope.Brian@epa.gov)>; Gaines, Cynthia <[Gaines.Cynthia@epa.gov](mailto:Gaines.Cynthia@epa.gov)>; Threet, Derek <[Threet.Derek@epa.gov](mailto:Threet.Derek@epa.gov)>; Burden, Susan <[Burden.Susan@epa.gov](mailto:Burden.Susan@epa.gov)>; Goodin, John <[Goodin.John@epa.gov](mailto:Goodin.John@epa.gov)>; Ferguson, Lincoln <[ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov](mailto:ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov)>; Ruf, Christine <[Ruf.Christine@epa.gov](mailto:Ruf.Christine@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** WOTUS letter - signature process

Because we all have a part to play and this is urgent, I am setting out the plan we've all just talked about for getting the WOTUS letter signed tomorrow morning.

## Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process

Lincoln, please keep us all posted on your end, especially if you have timing needs so that we can help you meet them. Susan Burden will be your main point of contact in the Administrator's Office tomorrow. She will make sure this gets signed and follows all the necessary process points.

Please flag any missing points or questions.

**To:** jduson@portlandmaine.gov[judson@portlandmaine.gov];  
kfreemanwilson@ci.gary.in.us[kfreemanwilson@ci.gary.in.us];  
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Jack[Bowles.Jack@epa.gov]; Cook-Shyovitz, Becky[Cook-Shyovitz.Beky@epa.gov]; Eargle,  
Frances[Eargle.Frances@epa.gov]; Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]; Cheatham-Strickland,  
Latonia[Cheatham-Strickland.Latonia@epa.gov]  
**Cc:** Shimmin, Kaitlyn[shimmin.kaitlyn@epa.gov]  
**From:** Matthews, Demond  
**Sent:** Thur 5/4/2017 8:44:55 PM  
**Subject:** REMINDER: LGAC's Cleaning Up Our Communities (CUOC) Workgroup-Friday, May 5,  
1:00pm- 2:00pm EDT-Call in **Non-responsive Conference Code/Ex.6** agenda  
[Regulatory Reform Agenda \(EO 13777\).pdf](#)  
[Agenda-CUOC-May 5-2017.docx](#)

Good Afternoon,

This is a friendly reminder that The LGAC's Cleaning Up Our Communities (CUOC) Workgroup will meet via teleconference on **tomorrow, Friday, May 5, 2017, 1:00pm-2:00pm EDT. The call-in number is:** **Non-responsive Conference Code/Ex.6** The agenda and meeting materials are attached.

The intent of the meeting is to introduce LGAC Members to our new OCIR Team members and offer you the opportunity to provide input concerning Executive Order 13777, Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda, on regulations that may be appropriate for repeal, replacement or modification.

EO 13777 specifically requires that EPA seek input from entities significantly affected by its regulations, including state and local governments. Administrator Pruitt has established the priority and process within the agency to achieve the goals of the EO.

We want to you to provide input and hear your ideas and outlook on this significant issue. We will use our meeting minutes/notes as the means to compile your input prior to 15 May deadline.

Looking forward to your ideas and input!

NOTE: The following links will provide you additional background:

Press release: <https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/regulatory-reform-underway-epa>

Regulatory Reform central web site: <https://www.epa.gov/laws-regulations/regulatory-reform>

Regulatory Reform central docket: <https://www.regulations.gov/docket?D=EPA-HQ-OA-2017-0190>

V/r,

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**To:** Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]  
**From:** Hannon, Arnita  
**Sent:** Fri 3/31/2017 1:40:45 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Oops

Thanks Layne!

We have OW onboard too on those you have worked with-that powerhouse Deborah Nagle -plus the Region 1 Regional Counsel and his team and the Water Division up there so Don will appreciate that all bases are covered. Oh I think "Tom" Hall is in your note but it's "John."

Wow laid out perfectly and Billy will appreciate the EPA/DOJ collaboration and will have comfort that we will continue to work with the city as appropriately and best we can.

Geez I wimped out and took Uber to my train but now totally stuck in traffic! See you soon.

Thanks!

A

Sent from my iPhone

> On Mar 31, 2017, at 8:26 AM, Bangerter, Layne <bangerter.layne@epa.gov> wrote:

>

> Don: I have been involved in the review of a big issue with EPA and the City of Taunton, Massachusetts. The case involves intense litigation and I have worked with EPA OGC and DOJ on this. Tom Hall, a representative of the City wrote me and Billy Kirkland at the White House OGC. I need to contact Billy and make sure our response to the City of Taunton is the same.

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## Deliberative Process Privilege/Ex. 5

> Sincerely,

>

> Layne R. Bangerter

> Deputy Associate Administrator, OCIR

> Special Assistant To The President

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Hannon, Arnita

> Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2017 5:41 PM

> To: Bangerter, Layne <bangerter.layne@epa.gov>

> Subject: Oops

>

> Layne, just wondered if you might want to chat with Don B. and just briefly update him on our plans for you to check in with Billy Kirkland as early as Monday on the Taunton matters. I am checking with Denise in Don's office to confirm Billy's phone number since the one he gave out at the USCM's Leadership Meeting seems to be unworkable. I will hold on all though until your thoughts.

>

> Thx!

>

> A

>

> Sent from my iPhone

**To:** Shapiro, Mike[Shapiro.Mike@epa.gov]; Wagner, Kenneth[wagner.kenneth@epa.gov]; Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]; Benton, Donald[benton.donald@epa.gov]  
**From:** Davis, Patrick  
**Sent:** Mon 3/27/2017 9:25:06 PM  
**Subject:** FW: April 6 or 7 mtg with Western Water?

Hi Mike,

Are you familiar with Western Urban Water Coalition?

<http://www.wuwc.org/>

Who from your shop would be available on April 6 or 7 to answer questions from this group?

Thanks,

Patrick Davis

**From:** Patrick Davis [mailto:**Personal Matters/Ex. 6**]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 21, 2017 5:51 PM  
**To:** Davis, Patrick <davis.patrick@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Fw: April 6 or 7 mtg with Western Water?

On Tuesday, March 21, 2017 2:21 PM, Andrew Colosimo <[acolosimo@csu.org](mailto:acolosimo@csu.org)> wrote:

Hi Patrick - as I mentioned the other day the Western Urban Water Coalition is meeting in DC on April 6th and 7th and would like to request a meeting with EPA to discuss western municipal water issues.

We are available to come down to EPA on Thursday, April 6th at 3:30 or 4:00 pm or

Friday April 7th at 10:00 or 11:00 am.

The group would be about 20-25 executives from major western water providers - Denver, Las Vegas, San Francisco, Phoenix, San Diego and of course Colorado Springs.

Let me know if this works on your end. Thanks - Andy

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Bowles, Jack  
**Sent:** Thur 3/23/2017 9:34:25 PM  
**Subject:** State & Local Weekly Report for March 23, 2017



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**EPA to Meet with San Luis Obispo, CA Local Officials**

On Tuesday, March 28, John Peschong, Chairman, Board of Supervisors; Debbie Arnold, Supervisor; Wade Horton, Director of Public Works; and John Diodati, Deputy Director of Public Works, will meet with Sheila Frace, Director, Office of Wastewater Management (OW), to discuss the Los Osos Waste Water Project (update), and efforts to seek funding for additional infrastructure, including on-lot cost assistance (clean water/stormwater/wastewater general issues). The Wastewater project includes a gray water program (septic tank reuse). San Luis Obispo officials have met for the last two years with EPA on affordable funding for its water infrastructure projects.

The city is the county seat of San Luis Obispo County, and is adjacent to California Polytechnic State University. The population was 45,119 at the 2010 census. The city is very proud of its natural setting, and in 1995, to bring greater guidance and a more proactive approach to its resource protection efforts, the Natural Resources Protection Program was created. The fundamental purpose of the program is to conserve, enhance, and restore important community natural resources. Also, the city's Water Resource Recovery Facility is involved in a very exciting energy-saving project with PG&E, that involves a partnership in energy audits to determine where the city can reduce its carbon footprint and increase efficiencies through process and equipment changes, upgrades, and other creative solutions. The city also is committed to addressing aging wastewater infrastructure with replacement and planning for new development as what they see are key factors in assuring the health and economic vitality of San Luis Obispo into the future. (Contact: M. Arnita Hannon)

#### **EPA to Meet with Councilman MacDonald (Oxnard, CA)**

On Tuesday, March 28, Office of Superfund Remediation and Technology Innovation (OLEM) and Region IX staff will join OIR in a meeting with Councilmember Bryan MacDonald to discuss the City of Oxnard's continuing interest in complete remediation of the Halaco Superfund Site. Mayor Pro Tem Carmen Ramirez was scheduled to meet with EPA on this matter while in town for the National League of Cities recently. That meeting was cancelled due to weather conditions. Both local officials meet regularly with EPA whenever they are in Washington. They continue to express great appreciation for Region IX's progress on the Halaco project, including finding a solution for removing the slag pile at the site. Both were especially encouraged by the progress reports given by Region IX during their last meetings with EPA. Mayor Pro Tem Ramirez and Councilman MacDonald applaud what they see as an outstanding partnership with the Region in this effort. Their vision is to realize what they see as significant reuse opportunities for the site. (Contact: M. Arnita Hannon Christmon)

#### **EPA to Meet with Battleground, WA Local Officials**

On Tuesday, March 28, Mayor Philip Johnson, City Manager Jeff Swanson, and two Councilmembers will meet with EPA to discuss programs and partnerships to support communities. Briefings will be provided on programs within the Office of Sustainable Communities; Green Infrastructure; WIFIA; Brownfields; and Energy Efficiency Resources for Local Communities. Region X staff will join OIR and the various program offices for the meeting. (Contact: M. Arnita Hannon Christmon)

#### **EPA to Meet with Dubuque, IA Local Officials**

On Wednesday, March 29, EPA will meet with Mayor Roy Buol and a delegation that will include the city's utilities and water quality directors. Peter Grevatt, Director, Office of Groundwater & Drinking Water, and other OGWDW headquarters staff will join Region VII and OIR for the

meeting. The local officials are interested in discussing innovative approaches that Dubuque can take to address lead in drinking water and the many lead service lines in the city.

Teri Goodman, Assistant City Manager for Dubuque, and a member of the LGAC, worked with OIR to confirm the meeting. The city of Dubuque is noted for its innovations in the use of public-private funding/partnerships to support its drinking water program. (Contact: M. Arnita Hannon Christmon)

### **EPA to Meet with Jonesboro, AR Local Officials**

On Thursday, March 30, EPA will meet with Mayor Harold Perrin, and Chief Financial Officer, Suzanne Allen, MBA, CPA, to discuss the city's Brownfields projects, and plans for future projects under the program. The city met with EPA in February and September 2016 as officials examined how Jonesboro would assess current sites, and identify funding sources to add to ongoing efforts. By the September meeting, the city had hosted its Brownfields community engagement meeting, and had submitted its area wide planning grant for the Jonesboro downtown railroad corridor. Headquarters and Regional Brownfields staff will join OIR for the meeting.

Ms. Allen noted that the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) is conducting assessments on six potential Brownfields sites for the city, and the city is still looking to clean up some confirmed Brownfields areas. Home to Arkansas State University, Jonesboro as a community has embraced the leadership of Mayor Perrin as he continues to support Brownfields projects throughout the city. The city is particularly proud of its partnership with EPA, and especially Region VI. (Contact: M. Arnita Hannon Christmon)

EPA's **Local Government Advisory Committee** (LGAC) met on January 13 to review and approve a Report highlighting the LGAC's work entitled "*EPA's Local Government Advisory Committee Biannual Report-2015-2016.*" The Report can be accessed on the [LGAC website](#).

(Contact: Fran Eargle)

### **ACWA 2017 Mid-Year Meeting**

Administrator Pruitt addressed the Association of Clean Water Administrators during a session at their annual Mid-Year meeting on March 20 in Washington DC. They invited the Administrator to introduce himself to the members of ACWA and provide an overview of EPA's priorities in the coming year.

The Mid-Year meeting agenda focused on identifying shared priorities for water quality programs between the states and interstates and the EPA. Approximately 75-80 attendees participated, primarily representing state water programs. Office of Water staff participated in many of the meeting's sessions, addressing issues including nutrients, HABs, and OW priorities. (Contact: Becky Cook-Shyovitz)

### **EPA Meets with Abilene, Texas Local Officials**

On Monday, March 20, EPA will meet with Mayor Norm Archibald, member, LGAC, and Assistant James Childers to hear an update on the progress of plans to construct the new Cedar Ridge Reservoir. The mayor and his team continue to provide progress reports to EPA, and appreciate what they characterize as always productive dialogue with both headquarters and regional staff. Region VI joined the meeting by telephone.

During the meeting, Mayor Archibald noted that because of the above average rainfall in 2015 and 2016, the region is beginning to recover from a severe drought. Abilene's recent drought is the new Drought of Record for two of its three surface water reservoirs. However, the new Drought of Record continues for Abilene's OH Ivie Reservoir supply source. The City of Abilene implemented a comprehensive program that included major improvements to its water infrastructure and implementation of indirect potable reuse to address the recent drought.

The City submitted an application for construction of the Cedar Ridge Reservoir to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality in 2011. Local officials have worked closely with the Army Corps' Ft. Worth District Office on the section 404 permit application process, including the draft RFP for a contractor for the EIS. Next month, the Abilene City Council will consider the awarding of the contract so that the EIS can get underway. EPA staff informed that our Agency will comment on the EIS once that is completed. The city is moving forward with the project and will be arranging for a third party contractor to prepare the Purpose and Need analysis.

The new reservoir is being built to serve the citizens of Abilene and other communities in the West Texas region. The project site has been selected. The current cost estimate is in the \$250 million range. (Contact: M. Arnita Hannon Christmon)

### **EPA Meets with Alleghany County Sanitary Authority (ALCOSAN)**

On Tuesday, March 21, EPA met with ALCOSAN representatives to discuss several programs and funding sources, including WIFIA, and the Corps of Engineers' Section 219 Environmental Infrastructure Program, to advance the Authority's priority projects associated with the existing Consent Decree and wet weather improvement program. Representatives from the Office of Water and Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance joined OIR staff for the meeting. Region III staff were unable to participate but will provide follow-up information on contacts for the State of Pennsylvania's Clean Water and Drinking Water SRFs.

ALCOSAN has a service population of 836,000, covering 309 square miles. There are 52 combined sewers, 161 sanitary, and 96 non-contributing. Under the current wastewater system, there are 4,000 miles of municipal collection sewers (32% combined; 68% sanitary).

ALCOSAN is proud of its proactive regional leadership to address water infrastructure needs and compliance. This leadership includes: a 1992 CSO Program; Early CSO Policy compliance (1995-1999); Forestalled EPA municipal compliance in 1997 by including sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs); Established 3 Rivers Wet Weather Program with ACHD-1998; Treatment Plant expansion (1997-2003); Regional flow monitoring program (2010); and establishment of the Green Revitalization of Our Waterway (GROW) Program in 2016. ALCOSAN created its GROW Program as a means of assisting its customer municipalities in reducing extraneous stormwater and groundwater from entering the regional collection system (Contact: M. Arnita Hannon Christmon)

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### **EPA Meets with Taunton, MA Local Officials**

On Tuesday, March 21, the Office of Water's Office of Water Permits, OGC, DOJ, and Region 1 staff joined DAA Bangerter in a meeting with Mayor Thomas C. Hoyer, Jr. and other city representatives to discuss NPDES Permit/Nitrogen Reduction Mandate concerns. The Taunton Estuary Municipal Coalition has joined the city in its request that its permit challenge pending before the 1st Circuit be halted while the city works on settlement discussions with EPA. The city has expressed that meeting the new mandates could significantly harm the impacted economically distressed communities. The city shared an extensive presentation and appreciated

EPA's attention. (Contact: M. Arnita Hannon Christmon)

### **EPA Meets with Simi Valley, CA Local Officials**

On Thursday, March 23, staff from the Office of Wastewater Management, WIFIA, and Region IX joined DAA Bangerter in a meeting with Council Member Keith Mashburn, Mayor Pro Tem Mike Judge, and Deputy City Manager Samantha Argabrite for a meeting to discuss assistance for the city's water infrastructure needs. The officials appreciated the dialogue and guidance on the Clean Water SRF, as well as the WIFIA program.

### **EPA Meets with Fort Dodge and Webster County, IA Local Officials**

On Thursday, March 23, Office of Wastewater Management, Urban Waters Federal Partnership, Brownfields and Land Revitalization, Office of Sustainable Communities, and Region VII joined DAA Bangerter in a meeting with Mayor Matt Bemrich and other local officials from the City of Fort Dodge. The officials appreciated the discussion and guidance on some of their area's 2017 priorities, including improvements in the Des Moines Riverfront, and the area's Brownfield Assessment Grant.

To date, the city has been awarded \$400,000 in Assessment Grant funding. They have applied for additional funding for Hazardous and Petroleum projects. The area is committed to redeveloping properties to enhance communities. (Contact: M. Arnita Hannon Christmon)

### **Administrator Pruitt Meets with Idaho Governor Otter**

Administrator Pruitt met with Idaho Governor Butch Otter on Thursday, March 23 for a general meet and greet. The Administrator and Governor last met in February at the Western Governors' Association breakfast. OIR will work with Region X on any follow-up arising from the discussion. (Contact: Becky Cook-Shyovitz)

**To:** Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]  
**From:** Bill Simmons  
**Sent:** Tue 4/11/2017 7:18:57 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Meeting Request - AHFA

Layne, that would be much appreciated. I would be happy to work with them on a specific time. Not sure when Bill will present that morning but we have a 3pm with OMB.

The safest bet would be between 12:30 and 2pm.

Thank you very much,

Bill

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**From:** Bangerter, Layne <bangerter.layne@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 11, 2017 2:53:56 PM  
**To:** Bill Simmons  
**Subject:** FW: Meeting Request - AHFA

I can still pass this to Samantha and her office if you wish.

**From:** Kaiser, Sven-Erik  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 11, 2017 2:45 PM  
**To:** Bangerter, Layne <bangerter.layne@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Meeting Request - AHFA

## Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process

Sven

On Apr 11, 2017, at 1:58 PM, Bangerter, Layne <[bangerter.layne@epa.gov](mailto:bangerter.layne@epa.gov)> wrote:

Sven: Would this be up your alley and could you meet with Bill Perdue and Bill Simmons. They seem to want policy folks, but you are the expert. Any advice? I am out that day.

**From:** Bill Simmons [<mailto:Bill.Simmons@grayling.com>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 11, 2017 10:30 AM

**To:** Bangerter, Layne <[bangerter.layne@epa.gov](mailto:bangerter.layne@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** Meeting Request - AHFA

Layne,

On April 25<sup>th</sup>, Bill Perdue, VP for Regulatory Affairs at the American Home Furnishings Alliance, will be testifying at EPA on the 'formaldehyde emissions from composite wood products' rulemaking. I believe the agency is hosting a public forum that morning that he will participate in.

Do you and/or Samantha Dravis have time that afternoon to meet with Bill to discuss the changes we have suggested to the agency on the rule?

The event at EPA is scheduled from 10am-1pm so we could meet after that, in case that is taking up the morning for most people.

Thank you very much,

Bill

**From:** Cook-Shyovitz, Becky  
**Location:** Whitefish, Montana  
**Importance:** Normal  
**Subject:** Western Governors' Association Annual Meeting  
**Start Date/Time:** Mon 6/26/2017 4:00:00 AM  
**End Date/Time:** Thur 6/29/2017 4:00:00 AM  
[WGA Invite.pdf](#)

Details: <http://www.cvent.com/events/wga-2017-annual-meeting/event-summary-206e11e547e2462b9a45515963ed1c54.aspx>

WGA invited Administrator Pruitt to join – letter attached.

**To:** Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]  
**From:** Richardson, RobinH  
**Sent:** Fri 4/7/2017 11:36:10 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Out Tomorrow

Hi Layne - Have a great trip! Will keep you posted on any follow up from ECOS today. Enjoy the weekend. Robin

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> On Apr 6, 2017, at 11:27 PM, Bangerter, Layne <bangerter.layne@epa.gov> wrote:

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> I will be out tomorrow **Personal Matters/Ex. 6** but I should be available by phone.

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> Thanks Robin

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> Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Barbary, Andrea  
**Sent:** Mon 4/3/2017 5:31:15 PM  
**Subject:** Agenda for P&P Co-Chairs Call - Tuesday, April 4

Hello,

Please see the agenda, below, for tomorrow's P&P Co-Chairs call.

Thanks,

Andrea Barbary

Office of Intergovernmental Relations

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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[Agenda for 4/4/17 P&P Co-Chairs Call](#)

1. **Welcome & Roll Call** (Andrea Barbery)
2. **Transition Update** (Andrea Barbery)  
Purpose: Update on new administration staff
3. **Budget update** (Joe Layman)  
Purpose: Status report of current budget situation
4. **ECOS Spring Meeting** (Pat Stevens)  
Purpose: Update on ECOS 2017 Spring Meeting ([Agenda](#))
5. **NPM Guidance/NEPPS Workgroup** (Kathy O'Brien/Joe Greenblott, Mike Osinski)  
Purpose: Status update for FY18 NPM Guidance planning
6. **State Grants Subgroup** (Valerie Thompson, Wendy Waskin, Pam McKinney, Julie Milazzo)  
Purpose: Summary of recent/upcoming events

**Next Call:** Tuesday, May 2

**From:** Edwards, Crystal  
**Location:** 3233 WJCE  
**Importance:** Normal  
**Subject:** WOTUS Call in Non-responsive Conference Code/Ex.6  
**Start Date/Time:** Wed 11/15/2017 3:00:00 PM  
**End Date/Time:** Wed 11/15/2017 3:45:00 PM  
Agenda -- WOTUS 15 Nov 2017 rmk.docx

## UPDATED - AGENDA

**To:** Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]  
**From:** Monica Youree  
**Sent:** Fri 3/31/2017 7:49:34 PM  
**Subject:** Thank You

Hi Layne,

I just wanted to take a minute to Thank You for being such a gracious host Wednesday night. What a unique experience! I very much enjoyed the company and see why people speak so highly of you. If there is ever anything Western Range or myself can help you with, please feel free to reach out.

Thank you again for the dinner opportunity, and for all you and President Trump are doing in DC!

Take Care,

Monica Youree

Executive Director

Western Range Association

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**From:** Davis, Patrick  
**Sent:** Fri 4/7/2017 5:59:44 PM  
**Subject:** Interest in meeting Colorado Forum on May 5

Hi Team,

Would you have time on your schedule to meet members of the Colorado Forum (<http://www.coloradoforum.com/>) when they are in DC on May 5 at 8 a.m.?

Patrick Davis

EPA

Special Assistant to the Administrator

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Information sent to this email address may be subject to FOIA.

**To:** Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]  
**From:** Hannon, Arnita  
**Sent:** Fri 3/31/2017 1:32:24 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Steve Neugeboren's Contact Info

Yaay! My pleasure.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 31, 2017, at 8:19 AM, Bangerter, Layne <[bangerter.layne@epa.gov](mailto:bangerter.layne@epa.gov)> wrote:

Ok. Monday sounds good. Thanks for everything!

**From:** Hannon, Arnita  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 30, 2017 5:17 PM  
**To:** Bangerter, Layne <[bangerter.layne@epa.gov](mailto:bangerter.layne@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Steve Neugeboren's Contact Info

Hi Layne –

Just making sure that you have Steve's name recorded correctly. He will join you on the call to Billy Kirkland at WHIG – hopefully I can arrange that for Monday. I just need to find a working number for Billy, but I am also going to try e-mailing him to see what time might work best for you and Steve to call him on Monday. I might have you and Steve just chat a minute before the call or have Steve send a few notes over for the 2 of you to follow during the call if that would be helpful.

OMG hope you are getting on out to the airport. Mayor Perrin had to fly back to Jonesboro earlier today but his team came over and they are doing great Brownfields work in Jonesboro, AR and they have a great working relationship with Mary and Karen and Denise in Region VI so this was a positive yaaay☺!

Ok, here's contact info for Steve and see you tomorrow and thanks for the efforts on Taunton!

Steven Neugeboren

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**From:** Alexandra Dapolito Dunn  
**Sent:** Fri 3/24/2017 6:45:09 PM  
**Subject:** ECOSWire: ECOS Documents \$14.4B in Ready to Go Water Projects, Hears from Pruitt on Member Call, & More

By copy here, all of you will be added to ECOSWire distribution every Friday. Tate and Ken, you made our news for the week! :)

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From: **ECOS** <[ecos@ecos.org](mailto:ecos@ecos.org)>  
Date: Fri, Mar 24, 2017 at 2:31 PM  
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## ECOS Documents \$14.4 Billion in Ready to Go

## Water Infrastructure Needs

### Need-to-Know News in Air, Water, Waste, & Community Engagement

Iowa Celebrates Water Quality Successes in Annual Review  
ECOS' March 22 released a compilation of "ready to go" water and wastewater projects in 2017 for states and the District of Columbia. "This inventory shows \$14.4 billion in specific water needs around the United States, making the need tangible and real to all," said ECOS Executive Director & General Counsel Alexandra Dunn at a Capitol Hill Rally hosted this week by water advocacy organizations. "These are shovel ready projects, ready and waiting," Dunn later told *Bloomberg BNA*, which reported on the States Weigh in at Hill Hearing on State NAAQS Implementation

#### Flexibility

Projects in ECOS' inventory range from providing homes with running water and sewer service for the first time in several Alaska communities, to a new wellfield to enable a local farm to expand and provide needed jobs in Newton County, Indiana, to sewer improvements in several Wyoming towns. Importantly, the compilation lists only the top 20 or fewer projects per state, so if all ready-to-go projects were reported, the dollar total would be even higher for this calendar year. Also, New Jersey's projects are not listed individually and would increase the total.

"ECOS has made water infrastructure investment a top tier issue, addressed in *Priority Areas for a Time of Political Transition*," said ECOS President John Linc Stine, Commissioner of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. Stine recently testified on water infrastructure before the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee's Subcommittee on Water Resources and the Environment that "states hear every day from our citizens about the value of clean water, adequate flood control, and prevention of pollution. Infrastructure underpins every one of those issues, and we know that a society cannot thrive without clean water. Industry and jobs depend on a reliable water supply and the capacity to process wastewater."

Among others, representatives of the Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection, Maine Department of Environmental Protection, and Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality testified before the subcommittee. See excerpts of their testimony below.

Regarding the recent White House budget proposal that leaves the state revolving loan funds untouched, Stine added, "We appreciate that the important state revolving loan funds are proposed for a one percent increase, and not a decrease," but reiterated that the 44.5 percent proposed cut to the core state programmatic grants, "including water permitting and nonpoint source programs, will further enable all of our states to continue to grow our economy, enhance our quality of life, and improve air quality."

"We are ready to take the information we've collected and work with the Administration to get money to states so that these projects can begin," added Dunn. "There's no time like now to invest in America's water infrastructure - improving communities, economies, public health, and our future." [Dunn]

Dunn said the bill would allow the EPA more time for strategies to be more thoughtfully developed, would help provide greater certainty within a more realistic timeframe for implementation of a new standard, and would allow for assessment of the effectiveness of control measures

### U.S. EPA Administrator Pruitt Joins ECOS

Nancy Vehr, Air Quality Administrator with the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality, discussed why EPA's one-size-fits-all approach to regulating simply doesn't work, commenting, "Wyoming's characteristics as an expansive, high-elevation,

sparingly populated rural state differs from EPA's traditional focus. As a result, we face unique challenges in implementing the EPA's Ozone Standards in Wyoming."

ECOS' March 22 released U.S. EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt to the monthly Member Call. Pruitt discussed the agency's experience highlighting why the one-size-fits-all approach to ozone is not defensible. One size fits all does not fit Wyoming. "EPA values consultation with states in rulemaking processes, he said the agency will be looking to state partners for feedback. The background memo and full witness testimony can be found here. [Poole]

Pruitt also commended the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency on its [dashboard](#) and said he looks forward to speaking at the ECOS Spring Meeting on April 7 (see related story). [Piper]

## FY17 White House Budget Amendment Contains Additional Federal Agency Cuts

The White House last week submitted a budget request to Congress concerning appropriations for the remainder of fiscal year 2017. Like the Administration's FY18 request, the FY17 request contains defense and homeland security increases offset by cuts to other federal agencies. The cuts total \$18B, but no specifics are offered on proposed reductions from individual agencies.

White House Office of Management and Budget director Mick Mulvaney remarked, "The '17 proposals that we have sort of dovetail into the '18... more spending on defense, more spending on border enforcement, some other line items, and also reductions elsewhere."

The House and Senate last year introduced omnibus appropriations bills for FY17, but it is uncertain exactly what approach congressional appropriators will take to funding the government beyond the April 28 expiration of the current Continuing Resolution. [McAleer]

### Texas Offers Ozone Tips for Warm Weather

## Environmental Law Firm Releases Guide to Corps Nationwide Permit Program Changes

*Area of Focus: [Water](#)*

A recent Beveridge and Diamond report details new and modified Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) nationwide permits (NWP) that took effect for five years starting on March 19. The NWP Program streamlines the permitting process for certain categories of activities with minimal impact to wetlands.

To review modifications and additions to the NWP, see the full report [here](#). See the Corps' final announcement on the NWP [here](#). [Piper]

## ECOS Holds Monthly SMM Workgroup Call on Plastic Film Recycling

*Area of Focus: [Waste](#)*

ECOS yesterday held its Sustainable Materials Management Workgroup monthly call. Shari Jackson, Director of the American Chemistry Council's Film Recycling Plastics Division, presented on its Wrap Recycling Action Program (WRAP), a project that empowers stakeholders to make plastic film (like grocery bags and newspaper sleeves), a commonly recycled material.

Jackson described some challenges of disposing of plastic film, the downsides to curbside recycling, and the process by which WRAP is implemented. Backed by companies like Ziploc and Target, ACC

promotes WRAP through a variety of public outreach campaigns and uses resources like plastic film drop-off location directories to emphasize the ease of recycling the material.

ACC calls on ECOS members to become “WRAP Champions” through outreach in their states. **U.S. EPA Names Two New Appointees to Work with States** *Area of Focus: Community Engagement* This week, the U.S. EPA announced the appointment of two new appointees to the WRAP program. The new appointees will be working closely with states to promote WRAP. The EPA also released a list of sample social media messages, and Thursday’s webinar presentation.

**Please email Sarah Grace Longsworth of ECOS with questions. [Longsworth]** ECOS Executive Director Alexandra Dunn and Deputy Director Carolyn Hanson met this week with two new U.S. EPA appointees who will be working closely with states.

**State Feedback Sought on EJSCREEN** *Area of Focus: Community Engagement* Sarah Grace Longworth, the new Senior Advisor and Office Administrator for Regional and State Affairs, fills the role of Director of the Office of Regional Operations in U.S. EPA’s Office of the Administrator. Wagner joins the agency from the private sector, where he practiced law and held private business interests for nearly 25 years. He was a founding member and managing partner of a mid-sized law firm in Tulsa, Oklahoma that handled energy and environmental matters. U.S. EPA’s Office of Environmental Justice (OEJ) is seeking feedback via a three-minute

**EJSCREEN User Survey. The information collected will be used to catalogue the diverse ways individuals are using EJSCREEN to support their analysis of environmental justice (EJ) concerns in their personal and professional lives. Survey responses will also help EPA to identify opportunities to continue developing and improving this tool.** Kate Bennett joins the Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations as Senior Advisor. Formerly a Senior Principal with the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, Bennett also has served as an Energy & Agriculture Policy Aide to Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY). She previously worked for Reps. Brett Guthrie (R-KY) and Andy Barr (R-KY). [Parisien]

**EJSCREEN is an EJ mapping and screening tool that provides EPA with a nationally consistent dataset and approach for combining environmental and demographic indicators. EJSCREEN users choose a geographic area; the tool then provides demographic and environmental information for that area. All of the EJSCREEN indicators are publicly-available data.**

Please direct all comments, questions, or suggestions about the survey, to Oneyemaechi Nweke of U.S. EPA at (202) 566-2314. [Parisien]

## Upcoming Events

### ECOS Meetings

#### **45 States Set to Meet with Pruitt, Barrasso, and Others at Spring Meeting Regular Registration Closes Today**

A new agenda was issued today for ECOS’ action-packed 2017 Spring Meeting on *New Administration, New Congress: States’ Path Ahead*. Registration for the April 6-7 public gathering is strong, with some 45 ECOS member agencies represented.

Highlights of the April 6-7 public gathering will include keynotes by Misael Cabrera of Arizona on building a change-receptive organization and by U.S. EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt and Senate Environment & Public Works Committee Chairman John Barrasso of Wyoming on their respective priorities. Also planned is a roundtable with former EPA Acting Administrator Robert Perciasepe and former EPA Assistant Administrator for Air & Radiation Jeffrey R. Holmstead on the outlook for the agency. Additional discussions will center on produced water from shale gas production, environmental infrastructure, the energy future, the Volkswagen settlement, community engagement,

Sustainable Materials Management, and compliance improvement.

To take advantage of the regular registration rate, please register by the end of today! The ECOS room block at the Mayflower Hotel is now closed, but government rates may be available. Please contact **Sarah Grace Longworth** of ECOS if you plan to cancel a room at the hotel so that we can accommodate the next person on our waiting list.

Access the new agenda, online registration, and hotel information [here](#). [Parisien]

## ECOS Calls

### Toxic Substances Reduction Workgroup

The ECOS Toxic Substances Reduction Workgroup will host its monthly call on **March 30 at 2-3 p.m. Eastern**. The call will feature a presentation on the Department of Defense (DOD) Emerging Contaminants program and will focus on how state environmental agencies can benefit from DOD's chemicals work. An agenda will be sent out prior to the call.

If you would like to be added to the workgroup or have any questions, please email **Sarah Grace Longworth** of ECOS. [Longworth]

## Webinars

### National Academy of Sciences Wildland Fire Research

ECOS members whose agencies manage natural resources functions may be interested in an upcoming meeting and webinar from the National Academy of Sciences. On **March 27 at 8 a.m.-noon Eastern**, the Board on Earth Sciences and Resources will host **A Century of Wildland Fire Research: Contributions to Long-Term Approaches....**

During this workshop, experts will address the past century of wildland fire research and how information from this work may be used by managers and decision makers dealing with wildland fires. The webinar is free to attend in person or online, but those interested should register in advance. [Hanson]

### New Hampshire's PFAS Experience

The National Water Quality Monitoring Council will host a webinar on New Hampshire's assessment and regulation of PFAS in drinking water on **March 28 at 1 p.m. Eastern**. On the webinar, New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services staff member Brandon Kernan will discuss efforts to determine the extent of PFAS contamination, provide alternative drinking water, and develop long-term mitigation strategies.

**Registration** for the webinar is required. For more information on this webinar and other National Water Quality Monitoring webinars archived on YouTube, visit this [website](#). [Hanson]

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## NASEO on Volkswagen Settlement and Emissions Tools

The National Association of State Energy Officials (NASEO) will host a webinar on **March 29 at 2 p.m. Eastern** on emissions tools that states may use when calculating NOx reductions for their Beneficiary Mitigation Plans under the Volkswagen Settlement. Speakers will include Andrew Burnham of Argonne National Labs, who will provide an overview of the Alternative Fuel Life-Cycle Environmental and Economic Transportation tool; Jeff Rockwell of U.S. EPA, who will provide an overview of the Diesel Emissions Quantifier; and Arman Tanman of U.S. EPA, who will discuss an upcoming tool that will allow states to calculate NOx reductions from shore power projects. Speakers also will also discuss the pros and cons of the various models and answer questions from the states.

To register, click [here](#). [Parisien]

## U.S. EPA Safe and Sustainable Water Resources Research Program

U.S. EPA's Office of Research and Development will host its monthly Safe and Sustainable Water Resources Research Program webinar on **March 29 at 2-3 p.m. Eastern**. This month's topic is "Upcoming Research on the Impacts of Water Conservation on Water Quality in Premise Plumbing." The webinar will highlight ongoing science projects intended to better design, renovate, and manage low-flow building plumbing fixtures so that water can be delivered efficiently while protecting public health.

Register for the webinar [here](#). [Longworth]

## U.S. EPA and CDC Webinar on Local Health Data Website

On **March 30 at 2 - 3 p.m. Eastern**, U.S. EPA and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will co-host a webinar on the **500 Cities Project: Local Data for Better Health**. The project has a dedicated website that provides city-level and census tract-level small area estimates for chronic disease risk factors, health outcomes, and clinical preventive service use for the largest 500 cities in the United States. The webinar will help attendees better understand the burden and geographic distribution of health-related variables and how project information can be used.

To register, click [here](#). [Hanson]

## ITRC on Groundwater Statistics for Environmental Project Managers

Statistical techniques may be used throughout the process of cleaning up contaminated groundwater, but it can be challenging for practitioners who are not experts in statistics to interpret and use statistical techniques. This training class will encourage and support project managers and others who are not statisticians to:

- Use the ITRC Technical and Regulatory Web-based Guidance on Groundwater Statistics and Monitoring Compliance to make better decisions for projects;
- Apply key aspects of the statistical approach to groundwater data; and
- Answer common questions on background, compliance, trend analysis, and monitoring optimization.

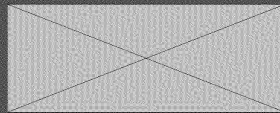
Join ITRC on **April 6 at 1-3:15 p.m. Eastern** for this essential online training! Learn more and register [here](#). [Bodi]

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**From:** Richardson, RobinH  
**Sent:** Mon 3/27/2017 8:56:41 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Sick Leave Tomorrow

Thank you Jack! I hope it goes well. Best, Robin

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**Sent:** Monday, March 27, 2017 4:53 PM  
**To:** Richardson, RobinH <Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov>; Bangerter, Layne  
<bangerter.layne@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Sick Leave Tomorrow

Robin and Layne,

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Best Regards,

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**Cc:** Wilkes, Quianna[Wilkes.Quianna@epa.gov]  
**From:** Hanson, Andrew  
**Sent:** Thur 3/23/2017 9:29:45 PM  
**Subject:** WOTUS redux & Federalism

Hi guys -

Can we three sit and chat for 5 minutes sometime prior to Monday's meeting over in OW? You should have received an invite from BB Wong.

**To:** Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]; Nagle, Deborah[Nagle.Deborah@epa.gov]  
**From:** Hannon, Arnita  
**Sent:** Tue 4/11/2017 6:57:42 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Update: HOLD ON - Might be a 4:30 - 4:40 Slot for Today with Ryan! Re: Taunton

Ok – will give Ryan and Sharnett a heads-up. Thanks to you both!

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**From:** Bangerter, Layne

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 11, 2017 2:54 PM

**To:** Nagle, Deborah <Nagle.Deborah@epa.gov>; Hannon, Arnita <Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov>

**Subject:** RE: Update: HOLD ON - Might be a 4:30 - 4:40 Slot for Today with Ryan! Re: Taunton

Good with that.

**From:** Nagle, Deborah

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 11, 2017 2:53 PM  
**To:** Hannon, Arnita <[Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov](mailto:Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Bangerter, Layne <[bangerter.layne@epa.gov](mailto:bangerter.layne@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Update: HOLD ON - Might be a 4:30 - 4:40 Slot for Today with Ryan! Re: Taunton

Hi Arnita-

Based on our conversation this morning with Layne, I have either Samir or Ken from Region 1 on stand-by depending on who is available. I definitely think it would be valuable to have the region on the line especially if Ryan asks specific details about the permit. I have already provided them with my call in number. Also OGC will be represented – either Lee Schroer or Kevin Minoli.

-Deborah

**From:** Hannon, Arnita  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 11, 2017 2:45 PM  
**To:** Nagle, Deborah <[Nagle.Deborah@epa.gov](mailto:Nagle.Deborah@epa.gov)>; Bangerter, Layne <[bangerter.layne@epa.gov](mailto:bangerter.layne@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** FW: Update: HOLD ON - Might be a 4:30 - 4:40 Slot for Today with Ryan! Re: Taunton

Hey You Two –

I was thinking you all thought we did not necessarily need the Region to call into the brief meeting with Ryan this afternoon. Change of mind on that? Just checking since we'd need to open a line in Ryan's office and make sure the Region had the call-in info. Deborah I think you said we could use yours once we settle into Ryan's office? That is IF you and Layne think we need to patch in the Region. Let me know so that I can sort of clear that with Ryan and Sharnett.

Thank Youuu!

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**From:** Bukhari, Samir

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 11, 2017 2:36 PM

**To:** Dierker, Carl <[Dierker.Carl@epa.gov](mailto:Dierker.Carl@epa.gov)>; Hannon, Arnita <[Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov](mailto:Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** FW: Update: HOLD ON - Might be a 4:30 - 4:40 Slot for Today with Ryan! Re: Taunton

Hi Arnita, could you please copy Carl as well to keep him in the loop. Thanks, Samir

Samir Bukhari

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**From:** Nagle, Deborah

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 11, 2017 2:28 PM

**To:** Schroer, Lee <[schroer.lee@epa.gov](mailto:schroer.lee@epa.gov)>; Bukhari, Samir <[Bukhari.Samir@epa.gov](mailto:Bukhari.Samir@epa.gov)>; Moraff, Kenneth <[Moraff.Ken@epa.gov](mailto:Moraff.Ken@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** Fwd: Update: HOLD ON - Might be a 4:30 - 4:40 Slot for Today with Ryan! Re: Taunton

If this is a go I will use my call in number

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Deborah

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**Date:** April 11, 2017 at 2:19:54 PM EDT

**To:** "Bangerter, Layne" <[bangerter.layne@epa.gov](mailto:bangerter.layne@epa.gov)>, "Nagle, Deborah" <[Nagle.Deborah@epa.gov](mailto:Nagle.Deborah@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** Update: HOLD ON - Might be a 4:30 - 4:40 Slot for Today with Ryan! Re: Taunton

Sharnett will signal me but might be 4:30 -slot with Ryan so we can jump on that. Stay tuned and thanks for your patience!

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**To:** Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]  
**From:** Hanson, Andrew  
**Sent:** Tue 4/25/2017 12:54:22 PM

Sonny P. meet and greet this a.m.

-----Original Message-----

From: Hanson, Tracey A -FS [mailto:traceyahanson@fs.fed.us]  
Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 8:49 AM  
To: Hanson, Andrew <Hanson.Andrew@epa.gov>  
Subject:

We are all walking over to greet the new Secretary.

**From:** Hannon, Arnita  
**Location:** NLC Headquarters: 660 North Capitol St., NW/DC/Suite 450  
**Importance:** Normal  
**Subject:** Meet & Greet with NLC Washington, DC Office + Mayor Panto (EENR Chair  
**Start Date/Time:** Tue 4/4/2017 6:30:00 PM  
**End Date/Time:** Tue 4/4/2017 7:00:00 PM

**Activity: Meet & Greet with National League of Cities Washington, DC Office + EENR  
Chair Mayor Panto**

**NLC Participants:** Clarence Anthony, Executive Director; Irma Esparza Diggs, Federal  
Advocacy Director;

Mayor Sal Panto, Easton, PA and NLC Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee  
Chair;

Carolyn Berndt, Program Director for Sustainability, Federal Advocacy (copied above)

-Greetings/ Welcome/Introductions

-Informal Dialogue Touching on \* NLC's Priorities and \*EPA's Priorities; Continued  
Partnership

**To:** Shapiro, Mike[Shapiro.Mike@epa.gov]; Peck, Gregory[Peck.Gregory@epa.gov]; Loop, Travis[Loop.Travis@epa.gov]; Best-Wong, Benita[Best-Wong.Benita@epa.gov]; Goodin, John[Goodin.John@epa.gov]; Downing, Donna[Downing.Donna@epa.gov]; Kwok, Rose[Kwok.Rose@epa.gov]; Wehling, Carrie[Wehling.Carrie@epa.gov]; Klasen, Matthew[Klasen.Matthew@epa.gov]; Wendelowski, Karyn[wendelowski.karyn@epa.gov]; Kaiser, Sven-Erik[Kaiser.Sven-Erik@epa.gov]; Christensen, Damaris[Christensen.Damaris@epa.gov]; Campbell, Ann[Campbell.Ann@epa.gov]; Schwab, Justin[schwab.justin@epa.gov]; Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]; Frithsen, Jeff[Frithsen.Jeff@epa.gov]; Nickerson, William[Nickerson.William@epa.gov]; Frazer, Brian[Frazer.Brian@epa.gov]; Dravis, Samantha[dravis.samantha@epa.gov]; Keating, Jim[Keating.Jim@epa.gov]; Bowles, Jack[Bowles.Jack@epa.gov]; Damico, Brian[Damico.Brian@epa.gov]; Breen, Barry[Breen.Barry@epa.gov]; Cheatham, Reggie[cheatham.reggie@epa.gov]; Hewitt, Julie[Hewitt.Julie@epa.gov]; McDavit, Michael W.[Mcdavit.Michael@epa.gov]; Stokely, Peter[Stokely.Peter@epa.gov]; Minoli, Kevin[Minoli.Kevin@epa.gov]; jennifer.a.moyer@usace.army.mil[jennifer.a.moyer@usace.army.mil]; Greenwalt, Sarah[greenwalt.sarah@epa.gov]; Donald.e.jackson@usace.army.mil[Donald.e.jackson@usace.army.mil]; Brown, Byron[brown.byron@epa.gov]; Bowman, Liz[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]

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**From:** Neugeboren, Steven  
**Sent:** Thur 4/27/2017 7:48:08 PM  
**Subject:** cost/benefit language approved

Samantha has approved the language I circulated earlier today (pasted below for convenience).

C. What are the incremental costs and benefits of this action?

## Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process

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**From:** Neugeboren, Steven

**To:** Bowles, Jack[Bowles.Jack@epa.gov]; Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]; Richardson, RobinH[Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov]; Hannon, Arnita[Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov]  
**From:** Hanson, Andrew  
**Sent:** Fri 4/7/2017 2:21:05 AM  
**Subject:** Fwd: EO 13777 outreach

Hey Jack -

Per Nicole's note below, your Outreach Meeting invitation email can now include a docket number, and refer to a forthcoming FR notice.(might also include the 3/24 memo as an attachment). Also, looks like OP wants to see it before it goes.

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Owens, Nicole" <Owens.Nicole@epa.gov>  
**Date:** April 6, 2017 at 5:47:21 PM EDT  
**To:** "Smith, Peterj" <Smith.Peterj@epa.gov>, "Hofmann, Angela" <Hofmann.Angela@epa.gov>, "Rogers, JoanB" <Rogers.JoanB@epa.gov>, "Hanson, Andrew" <Hanson.Andrew@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** "Muellerleile, Caryn" <Muellerleile.Caryn@epa.gov>, "Curry, Bridgid" <Curry.Bridgid@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** EO 13777 outreach

Hello –

Since you all were not able to be at the meeting today on the EO, I wanted to pass on two pieces of information since it might impact your immediate activities.

For any outreach activities, you should direct comments to be placed in one central docket that OP has opened – the docket number is EPA-HQ-OA-2017-0190. We will be issuing a FR notice that solicits comments from the public to aid in our evaluation of existing regulations.

Additionally, please send me and Bridgid any announcements (be they FR notices, emails, etc.) for OP review before they are sent out.

More detailed information will be coming out shortly.

Thanks very much,

Nicole

**To:** Hannon, Arnita[Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov]; Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]; Nagle, Deborah[Nagle.Deborah@epa.gov]; Neugeboren, Steven[Neugeboren.Steven@epa.gov]; Parikh, Pooja[Parikh.Pooja@epa.gov]; Bukhari, Samir[Bukhari.Samir@epa.gov]; Dierker, Carl[Dierker.Carl@epa.gov]; Moraff, Kenneth[Moraff.Ken@epa.gov]  
**Cc:** Bowles, Jack[Bowles.Jack@epa.gov]; Matthews, Demond[matthews.demond@epa.gov]  
**From:** Schroer, Lee  
**Sent:** Thur 5/4/2017 8:42:44 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Taunton follow up

Arnita,

I have talked with Steve Neugeboren as well as Carl Dierker and Ken Moraff in Region 1 and we all agree that it would be best if Layne signs the letter. I cleared up with Ken Moraff (who was on a call representing the Acting RA that you mentioned) that he did not intend to suggest that DOJ or EPA attorneys should sign the letter rather than Layne. Ken was merely stating that he thought DOJ would be signing the letter. Ken supports Layne signing the letter. I also confirmed with Steve Neugeboren that we do not see any need for Troy Lyons to sign the letter instead of Layne. Since the letter came in to Layne, we all agree it would be best for Layne to sign the response. Hope this clears things up.

Lee

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**From:** Hannon, Arnita

**Sent:** Thursday, May 04, 2017 4:24 PM

**To:** Bangerter, Layne <bangerter.layne@epa.gov>; Nagle, Deborah <Nagle.Deborah@epa.gov>; Schroer, Lee <schroer.lee@epa.gov>; Neugeboren, Steven <Neugeboren.Steven@epa.gov>; Parikh, Pooja <Parikh.Pooja@epa.gov>; Bukhari, Samir

<Bukhari.Samir@epa.gov>

**Cc:** Bowles, Jack <Bowles.Jack@epa.gov>; Matthews, Demond  
<matthews.demond@epa.gov>

**Subject:** FW: Taunton follow up

Hi Team!

We are trying to move the response to Taunton Mayor Hoye's latest correspondence along. Thanks to Pooja for sending the DRAFT to our office for Layne's review. Layne is fine with the letter.

There seems to be some discussion about WHO should sign our outgoing letter, and I believe the Acting RA suggested in a meeting just now that he thought that either DOJ or EPA's lead Attorney should or would sign the letter. We have prepared the letter for Layne's signature and he is prepared to sign the outgoing. However, just in case I may have missed something, I am wondering if any of you may have heard that alternatives on the signature are being discussed and what your guidance might be on the signature.

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The letter does make clear that any and all further inquiries should be directed to DOJ (Sarah and David – both of whom came over for our meeting last month with the Mayor). However, we just need to decide who will sign the letter since I am hearing rumblings so help with any guidance please!

Thanks all!

Arnita

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**From:** Bowles, Jack

**Sent:** Thursday, May 04, 2017 4:14 PM

**To:** Hannon, Arnita <[Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov](mailto:Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** Fwd: Taunton follow up

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**From:** "Moraff, Kenneth" <[Moraff.Ken@epa.gov](mailto:Moraff.Ken@epa.gov)>

**Date:** May 4, 2017 at 4:11:47 PM EDT

**To:** "Bowles, Jack" <[Bowles.Jack@epa.gov](mailto:Bowles.Jack@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** FW: Taunton follow up

Jack –

As we just discussed.

Ken

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Bangerter, Layne" <[bangerter.layne@epa.gov](mailto:bangerter.layne@epa.gov)>

**Date:** May 2, 2017 at 11:04:37 AM EDT

**To:** "Dierker, Carl" <[Dierker.Carl@epa.gov](mailto:Dierker.Carl@epa.gov)>, "Hannon, Arnita"

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**Subject: RE: Taunton follow up**

Guess I better weigh-in, but this is consistent to what we have said all along. Let our attorney's lead...

Thanks,

Layne

-----Original Message-----

From: Dierker, Carl

Sent: Tuesday, May 2, 2017 10:05 AM

To: Hannon, Arnita <[Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov](mailto:Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov)>; Nagle, Deborah <[Nagle.Deborah@epa.gov](mailto:Nagle.Deborah@epa.gov)>

Cc: Schroer, Lee <[schroer.lee@epa.gov](mailto:schroer.lee@epa.gov)>; Gutro, Doug <[Gutro.Doug@epa.gov](mailto:Gutro.Doug@epa.gov)>; Bowles, Jack <[Bowles.Jack@epa.gov](mailto:Bowles.Jack@epa.gov)>; Bangerter, Layne <[bangerter.layne@epa.gov](mailto:bangerter.layne@epa.gov)>; Parikh, Pooja <[Parikh.Pooja@epa.gov](mailto:Parikh.Pooja@epa.gov)>; Bukhari, Samir <[Bukhari.Samir@epa.gov](mailto:Bukhari.Samir@epa.gov)>; Neugeboren, Steven <[Neugeboren.Steven@epa.gov](mailto:Neugeboren.Steven@epa.gov)>; Matthews, Demond <[matthews.demond@epa.gov](mailto:matthews.demond@epa.gov)>

Subject: RE: Taunton follow up

**Attorney-Client & Deliberative Process/Ex. 5**

Thanks, Samir, for working on a draft response with David, Sarah, Lee & Pooja and quickly getting that down to OCIR for review and issuance.

Thanks,

Carl

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Carl F. Dierker

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-----Original Message-----

From: Hannon, Arnita

Sent: Tuesday, May 02, 2017 9:40 AM

To: Nagle, Deborah <[Nagle.Deborah@epa.gov](mailto:Nagle.Deborah@epa.gov)>

Cc: Schroer, Lee <[schroer.lee@epa.gov](mailto:schroer.lee@epa.gov)>; Gutro, Doug <[Gutro.Doug@epa.gov](mailto:Gutro.Doug@epa.gov)>; Bowles, Jack <[Bowles.Jack@epa.gov](mailto:Bowles.Jack@epa.gov)>; Bangerter, Layne <[bangerter.layne@epa.gov](mailto:bangerter.layne@epa.gov)>; Parikh, Pooja <[Parikh.Pooja@epa.gov](mailto:Parikh.Pooja@epa.gov)>; Bukhari, Samir

<Bukhari.Samir@epa.gov>; Dierker, Carl <Dierker.Carl@epa.gov>; Neugeboren, Steven <Neugeboren.Steven@epa.gov>; Matthews, Demond <matthews.demond@epa.gov>  
Subject: Re: Taunton follow up

Thanks so much Deborah! I think this is shaping up to be total agreement on that path and will now yield to headquarters and regional lawyers to work on this response and keep us all looped. Steve, Lee, Samir-will you lead and circulate the draft for this crowd as Fyi and then finalize? And cc our DOJ friends on the final? Sound ok group?

Thank you!

Arnita

Thanks everyone

Sent from my iPhone

On May 2, 2017, at 12:45 AM, Nagle, Deborah <Nagle.Deborah@epa.gov> wrote:

## Deliberative Process Privilege/Ex. 5

Deborah

Sent from my iPhone

On May 1, 2017, at 2:31 PM, Hannon, Arnita <Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov> wrote:

Thank you so very much Lee for sharing this very helpful DOJ guidance! I know Deborah Nagle is on travel right now but I will try to coordinate an internal meeting with all of you as soon as she and Layne signal, and as you

said, we can confirm at that meeting how to respond. Or, if you and Steve and Samir and the others think a conference call would be easier and quicker in terms of settling, we can make that work.

**Deliberative Process Privilege/Ex. 5**

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Thanks all!

Arnita

Sent from my iPhone

On May 1, 2017, at 5:07 PM, Schroer, Lee <[schroer.lee@epa.gov](mailto:schroer.lee@epa.gov)> wrote:

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**Attorney-Client & Deliberative Process/Ex. 5**

## Attorney-Client & Deliberative Process/Ex. 5

Lee

Lee C. Schroer

Office of General Counsel (Mail Code 2355A) Room 7518C William

Jefferson Clinton Bldg North Environmental Protection Agency

1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

Washington, D.C. 20460

Tel: 202-564-5476

-----Original Message-----

From: Hannon, Arnita

Sent: Monday, May 01, 2017 10:59 AM

To: Neugeboren, Steven <[Neugeboren.Steven@epa.gov](mailto:Neugeboren.Steven@epa.gov)>

Cc: Gutro, Doug <[Gutro.Doug@epa.gov](mailto:Gutro.Doug@epa.gov)>; Bowles, Jack

<[Bowles.Jack@epa.gov](mailto:Bowles.Jack@epa.gov)>; Nagle, Deborah <[Nagle.Deborah@epa.gov](mailto:Nagle.Deborah@epa.gov)>;

Schroer, Lee <[schroer.lee@epa.gov](mailto:schroer.lee@epa.gov)>; Bangerter, Layne

<[bangerter.layne@epa.gov](mailto:bangerter.layne@epa.gov)>; Parikh, Pooja <[Parikh.Pooja@epa.gov](mailto:Parikh.Pooja@epa.gov)>

Subject: Re: Taunton follow up

Thanks guys! Looking forward to seeing this. Really appreciate!

Arnita

Sent from my iPhone

On May 1, 2017, at 10:51 AM, Neugeboren, Steven  
<[Neugeboren.Steven@epa.gov](mailto:Neugeboren.Steven@epa.gov)> wrote:

Lee - pls share doj's advice with this group. thx

Steven Neugeboren  
Associate General Counsel  
Water Law Office  
Environmental Protection Agency  
202-564-5488

-----Original Message-----

From: Hannon, Arnita

Sent: Monday, May 01, 2017 10:11 AM

To: Gutro, Doug <[Gutro.Doug@epa.gov](mailto:Gutro.Doug@epa.gov)>

Cc: Bowles, Jack <[Bowles.Jack@epa.gov](mailto:Bowles.Jack@epa.gov)>; Nagle, Deborah

<[Nagle.Deborah@epa.gov](mailto:Nagle.Deborah@epa.gov)>; Neugeboren, Steven

<[Neugeboren.Steven@epa.gov](mailto:Neugeboren.Steven@epa.gov)>; Schroer, Lee

<[schroer.lee@epa.gov](mailto:schroer.lee@epa.gov)>;

Bangerter, Layne <[bangerter.layne@epa.gov](mailto:bangerter.layne@epa.gov)>

Subject: Re: Taunton follow up

Hi-

Will update you after consulting with Layne, Deborah Nagle and a couple of others as I had suggested we have a conference call between headquarters and the region to chart a path forward like we did before.

Stay tuned and thanks for checking Doug.

Sent from my iPhone

On May 1, 2017, at 9:54 AM, Gutro, Doug  
<[Gutro.Doug@epa.gov](mailto:Gutro.Doug@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hi jack and aRNita

Senior leadership in the region asked me to check in to see how Mr Hall's latest request regarding Taunton is being handled.

Thanks

Doug

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Barbery, Andrea  
**Location:** Mayflower Hotel - 1127 Connecticut Ave NW  
**Importance:** Normal  
**Subject:** ECOS 2017 Spring Meeting  
**Start Date/Time:** Thur 4/6/2017 4:00:00 AM  
**End Date/Time:** Sat 4/8/2017 4:00:00 AM  
[ECOS 2017 Spring Mtg Agenda.pdf](#)  
[Closed Session Agenda 4-7-17.pdf](#)

Holding on calendars, as requested

Attached:

1. Full meeting agenda
2. Closed session agenda

**To:** Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]  
**From:** Hanson, Andrew  
**Sent:** Sat 4/22/2017 8:29:17 PM  
**Subject:** Terrific fun

# Personal Matters/Ex. 6

Have a splendid weekend and hi to Mrs. Von Clausewitz. (she who returns to do battle)

On Apr 20, 2017, at 6:07 PM, Bangerter, Layne <bangerter.layne@epa.gov> wrote:

That is all right on. We wish we could waive our hand and make the troubles go away.

Thanks for handling this one.

**Personal Matters/Ex. 6**

## Personal Matters/Ex. 6

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 20, 2017, at 3:53 PM, Hanson, Andrew <Hanson.Andrew@epa.gov> wrote:

Layne

Per your note, I just spoke with Pete Thorson, the construction/developer in WI. He now understands where EPA is headed with this, but also grasps the fact that no "policy-driven relief" will be coming his way in the timeframe that he needs it (the next two weeks), nor would EPA HQ be able to write a letter "slapping down" the US ACE inspector working on his JD and "engaging massive overreach."

If nothing else, I know he felt "listened to."

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Hanson, Andrew" <Hanson.Andrew@epa.gov>  
**Date:** April 20, 2017 at 4:54:53 PM EDT  
**To:** Randy Yunk <ryunk@crmeier.com>  
**Cc:** "Hanson, Andrew" <Hanson.Andrew@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: wotus

Hi Pete (via Randy)

I just tried to reach you on you area code 608 number. Will try again later today or tomorrow morning.

On Apr 20, 2017, at 1:39 PM, Randy Yunk <[ryunk@crmeyer.com](mailto:ryunk@crmeyer.com)> wrote:

Is this going to  
Work?

Randy Yunk  
Project Coordinator  
CR Meyer  
1890 North Stevens Street  
Rhinelander, WI 54501  
715.369.2223 - Office  
715.369.5012 - Fax  
Personal Phone/Ex. 6 - Cell  
[ryunk@crmeyer.com](mailto:ryunk@crmeyer.com)  
[crmeyer.com](http://crmeyer.com)

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Randy Yunk <[ryunk@crmeyer.com](mailto:ryunk@crmeyer.com)>

Date: Apr 20, 2017 9:23 AM

Subject: wotus

To: "'[hanson.andrew@epa.gov](mailto:hanson.andrew@epa.gov)'" <[hanson.andrew@epa.gov](mailto:hanson.andrew@epa.gov)>

Cc:

Andrew

Can we talk at 1:15 PM your time today. My number is Personal Phone/Ex. 6 This email is from Pete Thorson, sent on Randy's computer. Please reply on this email if this does or doesn't work.

Thanks Pete

Randy Yunk

Project Coordinator

CR Meyer

1890 North Stevens Street

Rhineland, WI 54501

715.369.2223 – Office

715.369.5012 – Fax

**Personal Phone/Ex. 6** – Cell

[ryunk@crmeyer.com](mailto:ryunk@crmeyer.com)

[crmeyer.com](http://crmeyer.com)

**To:** Hanson, Andrew[Hanson.Andrew@epa.gov]; Goodin, John[Goodin.John@epa.gov]  
**Cc:** Hope, Brian[Hope.Brian@epa.gov]; Ferguson, Lincoln[ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov]; Eisenberg, Mindy[Eisenberg.Mindy@epa.gov]; Bowles, Jack[Bowles.Jack@epa.gov]; Downing, Donna[Downing.Donna@epa.gov]; Christensen, Damaris[Christensen.Damaris@epa.gov]; Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]; Ruf, Christine[Ruf.Christine@epa.gov]  
**From:** Burden, Susan  
**Sent:** Fri 4/7/2017 5:39:53 PM  
**Subject:** RE: WOTUS letter - signature process

FYI – The signature package is with Lincoln. He will get the Administrator's signature, and I will send the signed PDF when it's ready.

Thanks,

Susan

Susan Burden, Ph.D.

Special Assistant (ORD, OCSPP, OCHP, SAB)

Office of the Administrator

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Office: (202) 564-6308

**Personal Phone/Ex. 6**

**From:** Hanson, Andrew  
**Sent:** Friday, April 07, 2017 1:37 PM  
**To:** Goodin, John <Goodin.John@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Hope, Brian <Hope.Brian@epa.gov>; Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>; Eisenberg, Mindy <Eisenberg.Mindy@epa.gov>; Bowles, Jack <Bowles.Jack@epa.gov>; Downing, Donna <Downing.Donna@epa.gov>; Christensen, Damaris <Christensen.Damaris@epa.gov>; Bangerter, Layne <bangerter.layne@epa.gov>; Ruf, Christine <Ruf.Christine@epa.gov>; Burden, Susan <Burden.Susan@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: WOTUS letter - signature process

Susan B has advised that, once signed, we send "as is," which – for a variety of reasons – makes sense. (otherwise, EDT or Eastern)

**From:** Goodin, John  
**Sent:** Friday, April 07, 2017 1:32 PM  
**To:** Hanson, Andrew <[Hanson.Andrew@epa.gov](mailto:Hanson.Andrew@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Hope, Brian <[Hope.Brian@epa.gov](mailto:Hope.Brian@epa.gov)>; Ferguson, Lincoln <[ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov](mailto:ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov)>; Eisenberg, Mindy <[Eisenberg.Mindy@epa.gov](mailto:Eisenberg.Mindy@epa.gov)>; Bowles, Jack <[Bowles.Jack@epa.gov](mailto:Bowles.Jack@epa.gov)>; Downing, Donna <[Downing.Donna@epa.gov](mailto:Downing.Donna@epa.gov)>; Christensen, Damaris <[Christensen.Damaris@epa.gov](mailto:Christensen.Damaris@epa.gov)>; Bangerter, Layne <[bangerter.layne@epa.gov](mailto:bangerter.layne@epa.gov)>; Ruf, Christine <[Ruf.Christine@epa.gov](mailto:Ruf.Christine@epa.gov)>; Burden, Susan <[Burden.Susan@epa.gov](mailto:Burden.Susan@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: WOTUS letter - signature process

Ok. EDT or just Eastern time?

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 7, 2017, at 1:06 PM, Hanson, Andrew <[Hanson.Andrew@epa.gov](mailto:Hanson.Andrew@epa.gov)> wrote:

**This version says EST**, and – I believe – we're in daylight time. Will matter for folks calling in.

**From:** Hope, Brian  
**Sent:** Friday, April 07, 2017 12:47 PM  
**To:** Ferguson, Lincoln <[ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov](mailto:ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov)>; Eisenberg, Mindy <[Eisenberg.Mindy@epa.gov](mailto:Eisenberg.Mindy@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Hanson, Andrew <[Hanson.Andrew@epa.gov](mailto:Hanson.Andrew@epa.gov)>; Goodin, John <[Goodin.John@epa.gov](mailto:Goodin.John@epa.gov)>; Bowles, Jack <[Bowles.Jack@epa.gov](mailto:Bowles.Jack@epa.gov)>; Downing, Donna <[Downing.Donna@epa.gov](mailto:Downing.Donna@epa.gov)>; Christensen, Damaris <[Christensen.Damaris@epa.gov](mailto:Christensen.Damaris@epa.gov)>; Bangerter, Layne <[bangerter.layne@epa.gov](mailto:bangerter.layne@epa.gov)>; Ruf, Christine <[Ruf.Christine@epa.gov](mailto:Ruf.Christine@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: WOTUS letter - signature process

Just printed on letterhead and will be packaged in red folder momentarily. Attached is a scan of the final product using the Administrator's formatting preferences, signature block, etc. No substantive edits - took out "you" from the first line, and the rest is commas, replacing unseraphed quotes and apostrophes, standardizing sentence spacing, etc.

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**From:** Ferguson, Lincoln

**Sent:** Friday, April 7, 2017 12:35 PM

**To:** Eisenberg, Mindy

**Cc:** Hanson, Andrew; Goodin, John; Bowles, Jack; Downing, Donna; Christensen, Damaris; Bangerter, Layne; Ruf, Christine; Hope, Brian

**Subject:** Re: WOTUS letter - signature process

Great - let me know when it is ready for him to sign

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 7, 2017, at 12:25 PM, Eisenberg, Mindy <[Eisenberg.Mindy@epa.gov](mailto:Eisenberg.Mindy@epa.gov)> wrote:

I formatted the letter to accommodate Agency letter head and put it in Times Roman 12 font which is standard for all correspondence, so there is more text that carries onto the second page so it doesn't look cut off.

Mindy Eisenberg

Acting Director, Wetlands Division

Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, mailcode 4502T

Washington, DC 20460

(202) 566-1290

[eisenberg.mindy@epa.gov](mailto:eisenberg.mindy@epa.gov)

**From:** Ferguson, Lincoln

**Sent:** Friday, April 07, 2017 12:22 PM

**To:** Hanson, Andrew <[Hanson.Andrew@epa.gov](mailto:Hanson.Andrew@epa.gov)>; Goodin, John <[Goodin.John@epa.gov](mailto:Goodin.John@epa.gov)>

**Cc:** Bowles, Jack <[Bowles.Jack@epa.gov](mailto:Bowles.Jack@epa.gov)>; Eisenberg, Mindy <[Eisenberg.Mindy@epa.gov](mailto:Eisenberg.Mindy@epa.gov)>; Downing, Donna <[Downing.Donna@epa.gov](mailto:Downing.Donna@epa.gov)>; Christensen, Damaris <[Christensen.Damaris@epa.gov](mailto:Christensen.Damaris@epa.gov)>; Bangerter, Layne <[bangerter.layne@epa.gov](mailto:bangerter.layne@epa.gov)>; Ruf, Christine <[Ruf.Christine@epa.gov](mailto:Ruf.Christine@epa.gov)>; Hope,

Brian <[Hope.Brian@epa.gov](mailto:Hope.Brian@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: WOTUS letter - signature process

This version has been approved by the Administrator but needs to be condensed to all fit on one page. Can somebody assist in doing that?

Once that is done we can have it ready for him to sign.

**From:** Hanson, Andrew

**Sent:** Thursday, April 6, 2017 10:08 PM

**To:** Goodin, John <[Goodin.John@epa.gov](mailto:Goodin.John@epa.gov)>

**Cc:** Bowles, Jack <[Bowles.Jack@epa.gov](mailto:Bowles.Jack@epa.gov)>; Eisenberg, Mindy <[Eisenberg.Mindy@epa.gov](mailto:Eisenberg.Mindy@epa.gov)>; Downing, Donna <[Downing.Donna@epa.gov](mailto:Downing.Donna@epa.gov)>; Christensen, Damaris <[Christensen.Damaris@epa.gov](mailto:Christensen.Damaris@epa.gov)>; Bangerter, Layne <[bangerter.layne@epa.gov](mailto:bangerter.layne@epa.gov)>; Ruf, Christine <[Ruf.Christine@epa.gov](mailto:Ruf.Christine@epa.gov)>; Hope, Brian <[Hope.Brian@epa.gov](mailto:Hope.Brian@epa.gov)>; Ferguson, Lincoln <[ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov](mailto:ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: WOTUS letter - signature process

Hi John,

Please keep in mind that the scanned digital version we (OCIR) send to our targeted Big 10 reps -- attached to an electronic scheduler -- will be the primary (most effective and expedient) means of ensuring the invitation letter gets to the right intergov association participants, incl. the water association reps. The greeting should be "Dear Intergovernmental Association Colleague".

The signed/mailed hard copy letters referred to below will be, as a practical matter, a superfluous part of the actual notification process.

EOn Apr 6, 2017, at 5:41 PM, Goodin, John <[Goodin.John@epa.gov](mailto:Goodin.John@epa.gov)> wrote:

Folks—below is where the process stands for sending out the Federalism invite letter tomorrow.

Jack—Brian Hope indicated he'd circulate the pdf since you'll want to send digitally as well. He also mentioned that Lincoln said the Administrator may have thoughts on the recipient list (now dropped from the letter itself).

Andrew and Damaris are taking a first cut at drafting presentation materials for the 19<sup>th</sup>, including how to characterize the Federalism opportunity in light of the two-step process.

Thanks

John

**From:** Knapp, Kristien  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 06, 2017 5:28 PM  
**To:** Hope, Brian <[Hope.Brian@epa.gov](mailto:Hope.Brian@epa.gov)>; Gaines, Cynthia <[Gaines.Cynthia@epa.gov](mailto:Gaines.Cynthia@epa.gov)>; Threet, Derek <[Threet.Derek@epa.gov](mailto:Threet.Derek@epa.gov)>; Burden, Susan <[Burden.Susan@epa.gov](mailto:Burden.Susan@epa.gov)>; Goodin, John <[Goodin.John@epa.gov](mailto:Goodin.John@epa.gov)>; Ferguson, Lincoln <[ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov](mailto:ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov)>; Ruf, Christine <[Ruf.Christine@epa.gov](mailto:Ruf.Christine@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** WOTUS letter - signature process

Because we all have a part to play and this is urgent, I am setting out the plan we've all just talked about for getting the WOTUS letter signed tomorrow morning.

## Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process

## **Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process**

Lincoln, please keep us all posted on your end, especially if you have timing needs so that we can help you meet them. Susan Burden will be your main point of contact in the Administrator's Office tomorrow. She will make sure this gets signed and follows all the necessary process points.

Please flag any missing points or questions.

<UPDATED FEDCON (002).docx>

**To:** Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]  
**Cc:** Greene, Joshua[ **Personal Email/Ex. 6** ]  
**From:** Helton, Sarah C. (59575)  
**Sent:** Mon 3/20/2017 7:14:45 PM  
**Subject:** Thank you - A. O. Smith

Hi Layne:

Thank you for taking time to meet with Josh Green of A. O. Smith and me last week. We appreciated the opportunity to meet you and share information about A. O. Smith and its contributions to the energy and water industries. Please let us know how Josh can be a resource to you and the EPA team as you work with Congress and state and local governments on water infrastructure issues, particularly on role of water technology and solutions through point of source treatment systems.

Additionally, thank you for your suggestion to reach out to Mike Shapiro about EPA's advisory committees. We will reach out to Mike this week.

Best,

Sarah

## Sarah C. Helton

Senior Advisor

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**To:** Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]  
**From:** Hannon, Arnita  
**Sent:** Fri 3/31/2017 1:32:01 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Oops

Yes! I figured Don would be fine with your course of action and will appreciate the updates. Gooo Layne ☐  
☐!

Sent from my iPhone

> On Mar 31, 2017, at 8:20 AM, Bangerter, Layne <bangerter.layne@epa.gov> wrote:  
>  
> I will talk to Don. I am sure he will back my decision and be fine with me contacting Billy Kirkland.  
>  
> -----Original Message-----  
> From: Hannon, Arnita  
> Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2017 5:41 PM  
> To: Bangerter, Layne <bangerter.layne@epa.gov>  
> Subject: Oops  
>  
> Layne, just wondered if you might want to chat with Don B. and just briefly update him on our plans for  
you to check in with Billy Kirkland as early as Monday on the Taunton matters. I am checking with Denise  
in Don's office to confirm Billy's phone number since the one he gave out at the USCM's Leadership  
Meeting seems to be unworkable. I will hold on all though until your thoughts.  
>  
> Thx!  
>  
> A  
>  
> Sent from my iPhone

**To:** Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]  
**From:** Integrity.gov  
**Sent:** Tue 4/18/2017 6:49:21 PM  
**Subject:** Integrity.gov: Filing Reminder Assignment

This notice is a reminder that your 2017 New Entrant report is due on 05/22/2017. You may access the report by logging into Integrity at <https://integrity.gov>. If you have any questions concerning the filling out of the form, you can send a note to [ethics@epa.gov](mailto:ethics@epa.gov) and we'll get back to you within 48 hours.

Please let us know if you need an extension by sending an email to Justina Fugh or sending a request to [ethics@epa.gov](mailto:ethics@epa.gov). You need to give a reason (e.g., workload, travel, need to gather materials) and say whether you need 45 or 90 additional days.

Also, check out our intranet site in INTEGRITY for more information:  
<http://intranet.epa.gov/ogc/Integrity/Landingpage.html>

For additional guidance about filling out the OGE-278 annual and OGE-278-T periodic financial disclosure form, see: <https://www2.oge.gov/Web/278eGuide.nsf>

**To:** Christensen, Damaris[Christensen.Damaris@epa.gov]  
**Cc:** Eisenberg, Mindy[Eisenberg.Mindy@epa.gov]; Bowles, Jack[Bowles.Jack@epa.gov]; Talty, Mark[Talty.Mark@epa.gov]; Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]  
**From:** Hanson, Andrew  
**Sent:** Fri 3/24/2017 6:32:31 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Fyi draft federalism paper

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Since I know you needed these in a hurry, please be advised that these were not reviewed by Jack and Layne.

(much less Jack LaLanne)

**Deliberative Process Privilege/Ex. 5**

# Deliberative Process Privilege/Ex. 5

Hope this helped!

**From:** Christensen, Damaris

**Sent:** Friday, March 24, 2017 10:56 AM

**To:** Hanson, Andrew <Hanson.Andrew@epa.gov>; Talty, Mark <Talty.Mark@epa.gov>;  
Kupchan, Simma <Kupchan.Simma@epa.gov>

**Subject:** Fyi draft federalism paper

Afraid all I can do from my phone is forward a track changes version but given that I'm out for an hour and timeframes are tight I'm forwarding this along for your quick review. We are hoping to send up by 3.

**To:** Richardson, RobinH[Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov]; Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]  
**From:** Bowles, Jack  
**Sent:** Mon 3/27/2017 8:52:39 PM  
**Subject:** Sick Leave Tomorrow

Robin and Layne,

**Personal Matters/Ex. 6**

**Personal Matters/Ex. 6**

I plan to work the balance of the day from home, which I would guess would be 2:30pm on.

Best Regards,

**Jack Bowles**

Director of State & Local Relations

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**From:** Kaiser, Sven-Erik  
**Sent:** Thur 5/11/2017 11:26:31 PM  
**Subject:** Sen Ag Hearing on Pesticide Regulation - Hearing Notes  
[Sen Ag PRIA Hearing Notes.docx](#)

Please see attached notes from the Senate Ag Committee hearing including hearing web link. Please let me know if any questions. Thanks,

Sven

Sven-Erik Kaiser

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Senate Agriculture Committee Hearing  
Pesticide Registration and PRIA Reauthorization  
May 11, 2017  
[Hearing Link](#)

Members Attending:

Majority: Roberts (KS), Boozman (AR), Daines (MT), Ernst (IA), Grassley (IA), Perdue (GA), Thune (SD)

Minority: Stabenow (MI), Brown (OH), Casey (PA), Donnelly (IN), Gillibrand (NY), Heitkamp (ND), Klobuchar (MN), Van Hollen (MD)

Witnesses:

Panel I: Rick Keigwin, EPA; Sheryl Kunickis, USDA

Panel II: Dale Murden, Texas Sorghum Producers; Gary Black, Georgia Dept of Agriculture; Jay Vroom, Crop Life; Virginia Ruiz, Farmworker Justice

Hearing themes:

- need to reauthorize PRIA
- benefits of certainty to pesticide manufacturers and growers
- importance of food safety and farmworker protection
- encouraging innovation to give farmers effective pesticide tools and lower risk pesticides
- need to reform endangered species act (ESA) regarding pesticides

Witness Themes:

Keigwin – benefits of pesticides programs and PRIA

Kunickis – benefits of pesticides; USDA role; sound science; glyphosate safety; support PRIA; ESA disruption of pesticide regulation

Murden – support PRIA; sugar cane aphids; EPA risk assessments should include more grower data and field studies

Black – support PRIA; cooperative federalism; need dicamba and 2,4-d for cotton and soybeans against pigweed

Vroom – support PRIA; importance of innovation; PRIA renegotiations stretch timeframes; ESA adds to EPA costs; concern about ESA extension to new registrations

Ruiz – support PRIA; importance of PRIA for WPS and C&T rules

Lines of Questioning:

Roberts – benefits of PRIA; regulatory challenges; maintaining food quality for exports

Stabenow – sugar beet emergency exemption; integrated pest management; respecting EPA science

Ernst – reducing regulatory duplication; interagency collaboration

Klobuchar – impact of proposed budget cuts on EPA and USDA; registration timeframes

Van Hollen – chlorpyrifos status

Heitkamp – pesticide residues in wheat, concern with ESA and FIFRA duplication

Daines – ESA and FIFRA duplication, encouraging biotech, concern about impact of not reauthorizing PRIA

Gillibrand – importance of food safety; respecting EPA science; impact of proposed budget cuts

on PRIA and pest management research  
Boozman – EPA and USDA collaboration; role of farmers in pest management; pesticide  
benefits  
Thune – PRIA support for biotech research; varroa mite research to protect SD honey  
Perdue – ESA and FIFRA duplication; family farms and WPS age limits

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**From:** Hannon, Arnita  
**Sent:** Fri 3/24/2017 6:22:23 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Status: Meeting Request from Houston Mayor Turner - Re: Houston's SSOs and Consent Agreement Concerns

Ok great! Just as a backstop, OECA has been working closely with R6 on a one pager that I can include in the Briefing in case this meeting happens. So we are ready either way. Thanks Robin so much!

Arnita

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**Subject:** RE: Status: Meeting Request from Houston Mayor Turner - Re: Houston's SSOs and Consent Agreement Concerns

Hi Arnita – Quick update...the scheduling meeting is now at 4:30pm. I should know more then.  
Best, Robin

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**From:** Hannon, Arnita

**Sent:** Friday, March 24, 2017 8:59 AM

**To:** Richardson, RobinH <[Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov](mailto:Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov)>

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**Subject:** Re: Status: Meeting Request from Houston Mayor Turner - Re: Houston's SSOs and Consent Agreement Concerns

Hi Robin!

Perfectoooo! Thank you so much.

Arnita

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 24, 2017, at 8:56 AM, Richardson, RobinH <[Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov](mailto:Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hi Arnita – We have a scheduling meeting this morning at 10am. I'll let you know as soon as possible after that meeting. Ok? Thank you for your patience! Robin

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**Subject:** Status: Meeting Request from Houston Mayor Turner - Re: Houston's SSOs and Consent Agreement Concerns

Hi Robin –

Wondering if this meeting is a go on Tuesday , March 28, as the mayor requested. We actually have a “Briefing” in the works -waiting to plug in Regional Hot Topics (limited to

just Water Infrastructure and whatever they can say about the continuing CA negotiations since this is the sole topic and the mayor will have his say and the Administrator will listen. I figure 15 minutes tops. I do not want to push Region VI if this meeting is not going to happen. I also have OECA and OW on standby because it will be super important for them to join the Region in signing off on the Briefing so I'd be circulating it for review. IF this meeting is going to happen, we want to get the briefing materials up timely.

Anyway, just checking and so appreciate any updates on whether this is a go.

Thank youuu!

Arnita

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Richardson, RobinH[Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov]; Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]  
**From:** Gray, David  
**Sent:** Mon 3/27/2017 8:39:16 PM  
**Subject:** Heads Up - TX Mercury

On March 27, 2017 the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) notified the EPA Region 6 of a child exposed to Mercury at a residential property located in Midland, TX. TCEQ requested the assistance of EPA to conduct an assessment of a converted storage shed located on the residential property. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] **Personal Matters/Ex. 6**  
[REDACTED] **Personal Matters/Ex. 6** It was reported that 6 to 8 ounces of mercury was spilled within the [REDACTED] **Personal Matters/Ex. 6** by the [REDACTED] **Personal Matters/Ex. 6** old male. The spill and subsequent cleanup was reported to have occurred sometime last year, however the young male was recently admitted to the hospital for symptoms related to mercury exposure. The young male is currently going through 24 hour urine analysis. The young male's father, mother, and siblings, [REDACTED] **Personal Matters/Ex. 6** and [REDACTED] **Personal Matters/Ex. 6** were also admitted to the hospital for 24 hour urine analysis. It was reported that the [REDACTED] **Personal Matters/Ex. 6** old male is the only family member that experienced flu like symptoms indicative of mercury exposure.

TCEQ and Midland Fire Department coordinated a preliminary assessment of the converted storage shed and residence. Results from initial screening of the storage shed were 0.03 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (30 µg/m<sup>3</sup>) and 0.047 mg/m<sup>3</sup> (47 µg/m<sup>3</sup>). Screening inside the residence resulted in zero readings. EPA/ATSDR action levels for mercury is <1.0 µg/m<sup>3</sup>. It was reported that Midland FD conducted their assessments using a Jerome Mercury Vapor Analyzer.

EPA will deploy to the site to coordinate with TCEQ and initiate an assessment of the residential property.

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RCL's[CNRCLsOIntergov.\_Contacts@epa.gov]  
**From:** Levine, Carolyn  
**Sent:** Thur 3/23/2017 8:02:32 PM  
**Subject:** Land, Response and Enforcement Team Weekly Report- March 27

## **Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations**

### **Land, Response and Enforcement Team**

**Week of March 27, 2017**

#### **HEARINGS:**

**March 29-** Hearing before the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee on “Cleanup of Cold War legacy sites under the Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS) program, the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP), and the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA). Witness: Barry Breen, Acting Assistant Administrator for Land and Emergency Management.

#### **MEETINGS/BRIEFINGS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**March 27-** Briefing for Transportation and Infrastructure minority staff to discuss Brownfields Program liability. (Raquel/OBLR)

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#### **TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE:**

Tbd- HEC staff requested technical assistance on H.R. 848, the “Farm Regulatory Certainty Act” (Pamela)

## **115<sup>th</sup> CONGRESS LEGISLATION:**

**S 203 – Burr (NC);** “Recognizing the Protection of Motorsports Act of 2017”- a bill to reaffirm that the EPA may not regulate vehicles used solely for competition and for other purposes; referred to SEPW.

**H.R. 350 – McHenry (NC);** RPM Act of 2017; referred to HEC.

**H.R. 848- Newhouse (WA);** “Farm Regulatory Certainty Act” -the bill would amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to incentivize efficient nutrient management practices and to clarify citizen suit provisions. The bill is similar to H.R.5685 introduced during the 114<sup>th</sup> Congress.

**H.R.917 - Rep. Cook (CA);** To control the export of electronic waste in order to ensure that such waste does not become the source of counterfeit goods that may reenter military and civilian electronics supply chains in the United States, and for other purposes. Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

**H.R.962 - Rep. Kildee (MI);** To prohibit operation of aquaculture facilities that contribute to pollution of wild and scenic rivers. Referred to House Agriculture.

**H.R.1034 - Rep. Ellison (MN);** To authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to award grants for municipal solid waste prevention, reuse, and recycling program development, and for other purposes. Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

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**To:** Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]  
**From:** Kaiser, Sven-Erik  
**Sent:** Tue 4/11/2017 6:45:26 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Meeting Request - AHFA

## Deliberative Process Privilege/Ex. 5

Sven

On Apr 11, 2017, at 1:58 PM, Bangerter, Layne <[bangerter.layne@epa.gov](mailto:bangerter.layne@epa.gov)> wrote:

Sven: Would this be up your alley and could you meet with Bill Perdue and Bill Simmons. They seem to want policy folks, but you are the expert. Any advice? I am out that day.

**From:** Bill Simmons [<mailto:Bill.Simmons@grayling.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 11, 2017 10:30 AM  
**To:** Bangerter, Layne <[bangerter.layne@epa.gov](mailto:bangerter.layne@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Meeting Request - AHFA

Layne,

On April 25<sup>th</sup>, Bill Perdue, VP for Regulatory Affairs at the American Home Furnishings Alliance, will be testifying at EPA on the 'formaldehyde emissions from composite wood products' rulemaking. I believe the agency is hosting a public forum that morning that he will participate in.

Do you and/or Samantha Dravis have time that afternoon to meet with Bill to discuss the changes we have suggested to the agency on the rule?

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The event at EPA is scheduled from 10am-1pm so we could meet after that, in case that is taking up the morning for most people.

Thank you very much,

Bill

**From:** Eargle, Frances  
**Location:** DCRoomARN3528/OCIR  
**Importance:** Normal  
**Subject:** LGAC Water Workgroup  
**Start Date/Time:** Wed 5/3/2017 8:30:00 PM  
**End Date/Time:** Wed 5/3/2017 9:30:00 PM  
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[WOTUSFedSlides4.19.17.pdf](#)  
[LGAC-WOTUS-DraftCharge-05-01\(1\).pdf](#)  
[Water WG template for May 3 meeting.pdf](#)  
[Regulatory Reform Agenda \(EO 13777\).pdf](#)  
[Water Workgroup Timetable.pdf](#)

The LGAC Water Workgroup will meet **Wednesday, May 3, 4:30-5:30 EST**. The  
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**Cc:** Bowles, Jack[Bowles.Jack@epa.gov]; Matthews, Demond[matthews.demond@epa.gov]  
**From:** Hannon, Arnita  
**Sent:** Tue 3/21/2017 6:13:30 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Taunton, MA Meeting

Our pleasure! And thanks Layne for keeping things rolling on course today.

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**To:** Hannon, Arnita <Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Bowles, Jack <Bowles.Jack@epa.gov>; Matthews, Demond <matthews.demond@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Taunton, MA Meeting

Thank you all.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 21, 2017, at 1:59 PM, Hannon, Arnita <[Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov](mailto:Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov)> wrote:

A team with Deborah Nagle (Director, Water Permits Division), Lee Schroer (OGC), Doug Gutro (R1), Samir Bukhari (Assistant Regional Counsel), and Kenneth Moraff (R 1) will be coordinating summary notes for today's meeting. We should have those summary notes for your files by tomorrow.

Thank you!

Arnita

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**Cc:** Richardson, RobinH[Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov]  
**From:** Wagner, Kenneth  
**Sent:** Wed 3/29/2017 1:56:53 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting moved to 2:30 to 3:00

My apologies...I was a late addition to the Administrator's meeting that just adjourned. See you at 2:30

**From:** Cheatham-Strickland, Latonia  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 29, 2017 9:49 AM  
**To:** Wagner, Kenneth <wagner.kenneth@epa.gov>; Bangerter, Layne <bangerter.layne@epa.gov>; Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Richardson, RobinH <Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Meeting moved to 2:30 to 3:00

Apologies, the meeting has been rescheduled for 2:30.

Best Regards,

Latonia

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**From:** Hannon, Arnita  
**Sent:** Wed 5/10/2017 6:50:10 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Meetings for Next Week

OOOps they are running behind and switched to Social Media portion the Engagement with State, Local, and Other Stakeholders is next. But not to worry. Take care of that Ethics training for sure!

A

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On May 10, 2017, at 2:27 PM, Bangerter, Layne <[bangerter.layne@epa.gov](mailto:bangerter.layne@epa.gov)> wrote:

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**From:** Hannon, Arnita  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 10, 2017 1:44 PM  
**To:** Bangerter, Layne <[bangerter.layne@epa.gov](mailto:bangerter.layne@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Meetings for Next Week

Hi!

Don't forget to check your calendar invites for next week. Hope you can do both the City of Pueblo Meeting on the 16yh (3:30 – 4:00 pm/Room 2530 (Introductions and Welcome and any time you'd like to stay for dialogue). Councilmembers. City has difficulty meeting our Selenium Standards. Senator Cory Gardner (CO) asked that we meet with them and we have the usual star staff, including regional, lined up. Anyway, you'll see the invite.

And Drew has the Hamilton County Commissioner on the 18<sup>th</sup> and I think you've "Accepted" that one, but just reminding.

Ok, that's it I think on the meetings front!

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**From:** Bowles, Jack  
**Sent:** Thur 4/6/2017 10:49:59 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Lead and Copper Rule and Federalism Review

If we can find some time to discuss tomorrow that'd be great.

Best,  
Jack

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On Apr 6, 2017, at 3:26 PM, Bowles, Jack <[Bowles.Jack@epa.gov](mailto:Bowles.Jack@epa.gov)> wrote:

FYI

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**Cc:** "Bowles, Jack" <[Bowles.Jack@epa.gov](mailto:Bowles.Jack@epa.gov)>, "Burneson, Eric" <[Burneson.Eric@epa.gov](mailto:Burneson.Eric@epa.gov)>, "Mclain, Jennifer" <[Mclain.Jennifer@epa.gov](mailto:Mclain.Jennifer@epa.gov)>, "Mason, Paula" <[Mason.Paula@epa.gov](mailto:Mason.Paula@epa.gov)>, "Shapiro, Mike" <[Shapiro.Mike@epa.gov](mailto:Shapiro.Mike@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Lead and Copper Rule and Federalism Review

Robin, good to see you today and thanks to both you and Jack for the opportunity to briefly connect on the federalism/UMRA review for the lead and copper rule.

This review was completed several years ago as a part of the long process to update the rule, and we have had additional engagement over the last 18 months with numerous state, local and tribal stakeholders through a formal charge to the Local Government Advisory Committee, community meetings in Kansas City, Atlanta, Visalia, CA and Reading, PA, conference calls with Tribal representatives, extensive discussions with ECOS, ASTHO, ASDWA, AMWA, and AWWA and their members and a formal workgroup through the National Drinking Water Advisory Council made up of states and large and small city utility representatives and NGOs.

It would be great if Eric Burneson and I could come over to meet with the two of you early next week to make sure we are on the same page about additional steps we may need to take to get additional federalism input on our path to releasing a proposed rule before the end of this year. Paula Mason can assist with scheduling on our end. Please let me know who you would like us to work with on your end.

Thanks very much for your assistance on this! P. Grevatt

**To:** Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]; Nagle, Deborah[Nagle.Deborah@epa.gov]; Schroer, Lee[schroer.lee@epa.gov]; Neugeboren, Steven[Neugeboren.Steven@epa.gov]; Parikh, Pooja[Parikh.Pooja@epa.gov]; Bukhari, Samir[Bukhari.Samir@epa.gov]  
**Cc:** Bowles, Jack[Bowles.Jack@epa.gov]; Matthews, Demond[matthews.demond@epa.gov]  
**From:** Hannon, Arnita  
**Sent:** Thur 5/4/2017 8:24:20 PM  
**Subject:** FW: Taunton follow up

Hi Team!

We are trying to move the response to Taunton Mayor Hoye's latest correspondence along. Thanks to Pooja for sending the DRAFT to our office for Layne's review. Layne is fine with the letter.

There seems to be some discussion about WHO should sign our outgoing letter, and I believe the Acting RA suggested in a meeting just now that he thought that either DOJ or EPA's lead Attorney should or would sign the letter. We have prepared the letter for Layne's signature and he is prepared to sign the outgoing. However, just in case I may have missed something, I am wondering if any of you may have heard that alternatives on the signature are being discussed and what your guidance might be on the signature.

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The letter does make clear that any and all further inquiries should be directed to DOJ (Sarah and David – both of whom came over for our meeting last month with the Mayor). However, we just need to decide who will sign the letter since I am hearing rumblings so help with any guidance please!

Thanks all!

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**Subject:** Fwd: Taunton follow up

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**Date:** May 4, 2017 at 4:11:47 PM EDT  
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**Subject:** FW: Taunton follow up

Jack –

As we just discussed.

Ken

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Bangerter, Layne" <bangerter.layne@epa.gov>  
**Date:** May 2, 2017 at 11:04:37 AM EDT  
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**Cc:** "Schroer, Lee" <schroer.lee@epa.gov>, "Gutro, Doug" <Gutro.Doug@epa.gov>, "Bowles, Jack" <Bowles.Jack@epa.gov>, "Parikh, Pooja" <Parikh.Pooja@epa.gov>, "Bukhari, Samir" <Bukhari.Samir@epa.gov>, "Neugeboren, Steven"

<Neugeboren.Steven@epa.gov>, "Matthews, Demond" <matthews.demond@epa.gov>

**Subject: RE: Taunton follow up**

Guess I better weigh-in, but this is consistent to what we have said all along. Let our attorney's lead...

Thanks,

Layne

-----Original Message-----

From: Dierker, Carl

Sent: Tuesday, May 2, 2017 10:05 AM

To: Hannon, Arnita <Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov>; Nagle, Deborah

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Matthews, Demond <matthews.demond@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Taunton follow up

Agree that the best approach is to follow DOJ's advice on litigation strategy.

Thanks, Samir, for working on a draft response with David, Sarah, Lee & Pooja and quickly getting that down to OCIR for review and issuance.

Thanks,

Carl

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-----Original Message-----

From: Hannon, Arnita

Sent: Tuesday, May 02, 2017 9:40 AM

To: Nagle, Deborah <Nagle.Deborah@epa.gov>

Cc: Schroer, Lee <schroer.lee@epa.gov>; Gutro, Doug <Gutro.Doug@epa.gov>;

Bowles, Jack <Bowles.Jack@epa.gov>; Bangerter, Layne

<bangerter.layne@epa.gov>; Parikh, Pooja <Parikh.Pooja@epa.gov>; Bukhari, Samir <Bukhari.Samir@epa.gov>; Dierker, Carl <Dierker.Carl@epa.gov>; Neugeboren, Steven <Neugeboren.Steven@epa.gov>; Matthews, Demond <matthews.demond@epa.gov>  
Subject: Re: Taunton follow up



Thanks so much Deborah! I think this is shaping up to be total agreement on that path and will now yield to headquarters and regional lawyers to work on this response and keep us all looped. Steve, Lee, Samir-will you lead and circulate the draft for this crowd as Fyi and then finalize? And cc our DOJ friends on the final? Sound ok group?

Thank you!

Arnita

Thanks everyone

Sent from my iPhone

On May 2, 2017, at 12:45 AM, Nagle, Deborah <Nagle.Deborah@epa.gov> wrote:

I recommend we go with DOJ's advice - lawyers respond with a short response indicating that this matter is in litigation.

Deborah

Sent from my iPhone

On May 1, 2017, at 2:31 PM, Hannon, Arnita <Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov> wrote:

Thank you so very much Lee for sharing this very helpful DOJ guidance! I

know Deborah Nagle is on travel right now but I will try to coordinate an internal meeting with all of you as soon as she and Layne signal, and as you said, we can confirm at that meeting how to respond. Or, if you and Steve and Samir and the others think a conference call would be easier and quicker in terms of settling, we can make that work. But DOJ's guidance sounds like the way to go.

Thanks all!

Arnita

Sent from my iPhone

On May 1, 2017, at 5:07 PM, Schroer, Lee <[schroer.lee@epa.gov](mailto:schroer.lee@epa.gov)> wrote:

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**Attorney-Client/Ex. 5**

# Attorney-Client/Ex. 5

Lee

Lee C. Schroer

Office of General Counsel (Mail Code 2355A) Room 7518C William

Jefferson Clinton Bldg North Environmental Protection Agency

1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

Washington, D.C. 20460

Tel: 202-564-5476

-----Original Message-----

From: Hannon, Arnita

Sent: Monday, May 01, 2017 10:59 AM

To: Neugeboren, Steven <[Neugeboren.Steven@epa.gov](mailto:Neugeboren.Steven@epa.gov)>

Cc: Gutro, Doug <[Gutro.Doug@epa.gov](mailto:Gutro.Doug@epa.gov)>; Bowles, Jack

<[Bowles.Jack@epa.gov](mailto:Bowles.Jack@epa.gov)>; Nagle, Deborah <[Nagle.Deborah@epa.gov](mailto:Nagle.Deborah@epa.gov)>;

Schroer, Lee <[schroer.lee@epa.gov](mailto:schroer.lee@epa.gov)>; Bangerter, Layne

<[bangerter.layne@epa.gov](mailto:bangerter.layne@epa.gov)>; Parikh, Pooja <[Parikh.Pooja@epa.gov](mailto:Parikh.Pooja@epa.gov)>

Subject: Re: Taunton follow up

Thanks guys! Looking forward to seeing this. Really appreciate!

Arnita

Sent from my iPhone

On May 1, 2017, at 10:51 AM, Neugeboren, Steven  
<[Neugeboren.Steven@epa.gov](mailto:Neugeboren.Steven@epa.gov)> wrote:

Lee - pls share doj's advice with this group. thx

Steven Neugeboren  
Associate General Counsel  
Water Law Office  
Environmental Protection Agency  
202-564-5488

-----Original Message-----

From: Hannon, Arnita

Sent: Monday, May 01, 2017 10:11 AM

To: Gutro, Doug <[Gutro.Doug@epa.gov](mailto:Gutro.Doug@epa.gov)>

Cc: Bowles, Jack <[Bowles.Jack@epa.gov](mailto:Bowles.Jack@epa.gov)>; Nagle, Deborah

<[Nagle.Deborah@epa.gov](mailto:Nagle.Deborah@epa.gov)>; Neugeboren, Steven

<[Neugeboren.Steven@epa.gov](mailto:Neugeboren.Steven@epa.gov)>; Schroer, Lee  
<[schroer.lee@epa.gov](mailto:schroer.lee@epa.gov)>;

Bangerter, Layne <[bangerter.layne@epa.gov](mailto:bangerter.layne@epa.gov)>

Subject: Re: Taunton follow up

Hi-

Will update you after consulting with Layne, Deborah Nagle and a couple of others as I had suggested we have a conference call between headquarters and the region to chart a path forward like we did before.

Stay tuned and thanks for checking Doug.

Sent from my iPhone

On May 1, 2017, at 9:54 AM, Gutro, Doug  
<[Gutro.Doug@epa.gov](mailto:Gutro.Doug@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hi jack and aRNita

Senior leadership in the region asked me to check in to see how Mr Hall's latest request regarding Taunton is being handled.

Thanks

Doug

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Bowles, Jack  
**Location:** DCRoomARN3528/OCIR  
**Importance:** Normal  
**Subject:** Accepted: Conference call with LGAC Chairman, Mayor Bob Dixson, and SCAS Chair, Dr. Robert Cope  
**Start Date/Time:** Wed 4/5/2017 3:30:00 PM  
**End Date/Time:** Wed 4/5/2017 4:00:00 PM

**To:** Burden, Susan[Burden.Susan@epa.gov]  
**Cc:** Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]  
**From:** Hanson, Andrew  
**Sent:** Fri 4/7/2017 5:12:12 PM  
**Subject:** RE: WOTUS letter - signature process

# Personal Matters/Ex. 6

**From:** Burden, Susan  
**Sent:** Friday, April 07, 2017 12:59 PM  
**To:** Hanson, Andrew <Hanson.Andrew@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Bowles, Jack <Bowles.Jack@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: WOTUS letter - signature process

It sounds like it will be signed before 3:30. Lincoln will be taking the package to the Administrator for signature, and it's my understanding that they do not want it to go out until the Administrator has signed. You shouldn't send an un-signed version.

Thanks,

Susan

Susan Burden, Ph.D.

Special Assistant (ORD, OCSPP, OCHP, SAB)

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**Personal Phone/Ex. 6**

**From:** Hanson, Andrew  
**Sent:** Friday, April 07, 2017 12:54 PM  
**To:** Burden, Susan <[Burden.Susan@epa.gov](mailto:Burden.Susan@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Bowles, Jack <[Bowles.Jack@epa.gov](mailto:Bowles.Jack@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: WOTUS letter - signature process

Any word on the signed version? If it's going to be awhile, I can send the un-signed one if necessary.

**From:** Burden, Susan  
**Sent:** Friday, April 07, 2017 12:53 PM  
**To:** Hanson, Andrew <[Hanson.Andrew@epa.gov](mailto:Hanson.Andrew@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Bowles, Jack <[Bowles.Jack@epa.gov](mailto:Bowles.Jack@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: WOTUS letter - signature process

Thanks!

Thanks,

Susan

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**Personal Phone/Ex. 6**

**From:** Hanson, Andrew

**Sent:** Friday, April 07, 2017 12:52 PM

**To:** Burden, Susan <[Burden.Susan@epa.gov](mailto:Burden.Susan@epa.gov)>

**Cc:** Bowles, Jack <[Bowles.Jack@epa.gov](mailto:Bowles.Jack@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: WOTUS letter - signature process

Alex Dunn, Carolyn Hanson – ECOS

Andy Karellas, Jeff Stockdale - Council of State Governments

Judy Sheahan – U.S. Conference of Mayors

Carolyn Berndt – National League of Cities

Julie Ufner – National Association of Counties

Ben Husch, Kristen Hildreth – National Conference of State Legislatures

Alex Schaefer – National Governors Association

Mike Griffin, Jack Peterson – County Executives of America

Jennifer Imo – National Association of Towns and Townships

Amber Snowden – International City/County Managers Association

Adam Krantz, Nathan Gardner-Andrews – Nat'l Assoc of Clean Water Agencies

Julia Anastasio, Sean Rolland – Association of Clean Water Administrators

Gerry Baker – Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission

Nathan Bowen – Nat'l Association of State Departments of Agriculture

Jeanne Christie, Peg Bostwick – Association of State Wetlands Managers

**From:** Burden, Susan

**Sent:** Friday, April 07, 2017 12:40 PM

**To:** Hanson, Andrew <[Hanson.Andrew@epa.gov](mailto:Hanson.Andrew@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: WOTUS letter - signature process

Hi Andrew,

Do you have a list of people (and their affiliations) that you will be sending the letter to? Can you please share that list with me?

Thanks,

Susan

Susan Burden, Ph.D.

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**Personal Phone/Ex. 6**

**From:** Hanson, Andrew  
**Sent:** Friday, April 07, 2017 12:27 PM  
**To:** Burden, Susan <[Burden.Susan@epa.gov](mailto:Burden.Susan@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** FW: WOTUS letter - signature process

See below....guess all we need now is the sig!

**From:** Eisenberg, Mindy  
**Sent:** Friday, April 07, 2017 12:26 PM  
**To:** Ferguson, Lincoln <[ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov](mailto:ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov)>; Hanson, Andrew <[Hanson.Andrew@epa.gov](mailto:Hanson.Andrew@epa.gov)>; Goodin, John <[Goodin.John@epa.gov](mailto:Goodin.John@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Bowles, Jack <[Bowles.Jack@epa.gov](mailto:Bowles.Jack@epa.gov)>; Downing, Donna <[Downing.Donna@epa.gov](mailto:Downing.Donna@epa.gov)>; Christensen, Damaris <[Christensen.Damaris@epa.gov](mailto:Christensen.Damaris@epa.gov)>; Bangerter, Layne <[bangerter.layne@epa.gov](mailto:bangerter.layne@epa.gov)>; Ruf, Christine <[Ruf.Christine@epa.gov](mailto:Ruf.Christine@epa.gov)>; Hope, Brian <[Hope.Brian@epa.gov](mailto:Hope.Brian@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: WOTUS letter - signature process

I formatted the letter to accommodate Agency letter head and put it in Times Roman 12 font which is standard for all correspondence, so there is more text that carries onto the second page so it doesn't look cut off.

Mindy Eisenberg

Acting Director, Wetlands Division

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Washington, DC 20460

(202) 566-1290

[eisenberg.mindy@epa.gov](mailto:eisenberg.mindy@epa.gov)

**From:** Ferguson, Lincoln

**Sent:** Friday, April 07, 2017 12:22 PM

**To:** Hanson, Andrew <[Hanson.Andrew@epa.gov](mailto:Hanson.Andrew@epa.gov)>; Goodin, John <[Goodin.John@epa.gov](mailto:Goodin.John@epa.gov)>

**Cc:** Bowles, Jack <[Bowles.Jack@epa.gov](mailto:Bowles.Jack@epa.gov)>; Eisenberg, Mindy <[Eisenberg.Mindy@epa.gov](mailto:Eisenberg.Mindy@epa.gov)>; Downing, Donna <[Downing.Donna@epa.gov](mailto:Downing.Donna@epa.gov)>; Christensen, Damaris <[Christensen.Damaris@epa.gov](mailto:Christensen.Damaris@epa.gov)>; Bangerter, Layne <[bangerter.layne@epa.gov](mailto:bangerter.layne@epa.gov)>; Ruf, Christine <[Ruf.Christine@epa.gov](mailto:Ruf.Christine@epa.gov)>; Hope, Brian <[Hope.Brian@epa.gov](mailto:Hope.Brian@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: WOTUS letter - signature process

This version has been approved by the Administrator but needs to be condensed to all fit on one page. Can somebody assist in doing that?

Once that is done we can have it ready for him to sign.

**From:** Hanson, Andrew

**Sent:** Thursday, April 6, 2017 10:08 PM

**To:** Goodin, John <[Goodin.John@epa.gov](mailto:Goodin.John@epa.gov)>

**Cc:** Bowles, Jack <[Bowles.Jack@epa.gov](mailto:Bowles.Jack@epa.gov)>; Eisenberg, Mindy <[Eisenberg.Mindy@epa.gov](mailto:Eisenberg.Mindy@epa.gov)>; Downing, Donna <[Downing.Donna@epa.gov](mailto:Downing.Donna@epa.gov)>; Christensen, Damaris <[Christensen.Damaris@epa.gov](mailto:Christensen.Damaris@epa.gov)>; Bangerter, Layne <[bangerter.layne@epa.gov](mailto:bangerter.layne@epa.gov)>; Ruf, Christine <[Ruf.Christine@epa.gov](mailto:Ruf.Christine@epa.gov)>; Hope, Brian <[Hope.Brian@epa.gov](mailto:Hope.Brian@epa.gov)>; Ferguson, Lincoln <[ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov](mailto:ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: WOTUS letter - signature process

Hi John,

Please keep in mind that the scanned digital version we (OCIR) send to our targeted Big 10 reps -- attached to an electronic scheduler -- will be the primary (most effective and expedient) means of

ensuring the invitation letter gets to the right intergov association participants, incl. the water association reps. The greeting should be "Dear Intergovernmental Association Colleague".

The signed/mailed hard copy letters referred to below will be, as a practical matter, a superfluous part of the actual notification process.

EOn Apr 6, 2017, at 5:41 PM, Goodin, John <[Goodin.John@epa.gov](mailto:Goodin.John@epa.gov)> wrote:

Folks—below is where the process stands for sending out the Federalism invite letter tomorrow.

Jack—Brian Hope indicated he'd circulate the pdf since you'll want to send digitally as well. He also mentioned that Lincoln said the Administrator may have thoughts on the recipient list (now dropped from the letter itself).

Andrew and Damaris are taking a first cut at drafting presentation materials for the 19<sup>th</sup>, including how to characterize the Federalism opportunity in light of the two-step process.

Thanks

John

**From:** Knapp, Kristien

**Sent:** Thursday, April 06, 2017 5:28 PM

**To:** Hope, Brian <[Hope.Brian@epa.gov](mailto:Hope.Brian@epa.gov)>; Gaines, Cynthia <[Gaines.Cynthia@epa.gov](mailto:Gaines.Cynthia@epa.gov)>; Threet, Derek <[Threet.Derek@epa.gov](mailto:Threet.Derek@epa.gov)>; Burden, Susan <[Burden.Susan@epa.gov](mailto:Burden.Susan@epa.gov)>; Goodin, John <[Goodin.John@epa.gov](mailto:Goodin.John@epa.gov)>; Ferguson, Lincoln <[ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov](mailto:ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov)>; Ruf, Christine <[Ruf.Christine@epa.gov](mailto:Ruf.Christine@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** WOTUS letter - signature process

Because we all have a part to play and this is urgent, I am setting out the plan we've all just talked about for getting the WOTUS letter signed tomorrow morning.

## **Deliberative Process Privilege/Ex. 5**

Lincoln, please keep us all posted on your end, especially if you have timing needs so that we can help you meet them. Susan Burden will be your main point of contact in the Administrator's Office tomorrow. She will make sure this gets signed and follows all the necessary process points.

Please flag any missing points or questions.

**To:** Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]  
**From:** EPA Call Center  
**Sent:** Mon 3/20/2017 6:18:45 PM  
**Subject:** Incident INC000002177086 reported by you has been resolved. Clients computer is taking a while to update

You are receiving this message because the issue you reported to EPA Call Center or your local Help Desk has been resolved. Please refer to the incident number listed below and contact the EPA Call Center or your local Help Desk for more information.

The following Incident has been Resolved:

Incident Number: **Personal Matters/Ex. 6**  
Reported Date & Time: 3/20/2017 12:14:09 PM  
Submitted By: EZ Tech>Premier Support  
Assigned To Group: EZ Tech>Premier Support  
Incident Summary: Clients computer is taking a while to update  
Resolved Date: 3/20/2017 2:18:00 PM  
Resolution Notes: assisted client with inserting bitlocker key then rebooted workstation user was able to login successfully.

As part of our ongoing effort to get feedback from our customers, we have created an online customer satisfaction survey. To complete a survey please click on the link below.

<https://epacallcenter.com/arsys/forms/ch-arsdb-02.connections.local/EPASurvey?mode=Submit&F536870913=INC000002177086&username=surveyguest>

Please email or call the EPA Call Center or your local Help Desk if you have any further questions or requests.

**To:** AO-OCIR Everyone[AOOCIR\_Everyone@epa.gov];  
RCL's[CNRCLsOIntergov.\_Contacts@epa.gov]  
**From:** Haman, Patricia  
**Sent:** Thur 5/11/2017 10:15:35 PM  
**Subject:** Air Team Weekly\_5-15-2017 (02) regional.docx  
Air Team Weekly\_5-15-2017 (02) regional.docx

Please let us know if you have any questions. Pat

**Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations**

**Air Team Report**

Week of May 15, 2017

**Hearings/Mark Ups** \_\_\_\_\_

- None.

**Meetings/Briefings/Roll-outs** \_\_\_\_\_

- May 5: Working with program staff in OTAQ, we responded to an inquiry from the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) regarding Renewable Identification Numbers (RINs) under the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) program. The CBO staffer was specifically asking about the manner in which EPA collects fees from refiners who purchase RINs, and whether EPA collects any other types of fees under the RFS program.
- May 8: We participated in a tour for Rep. Debbie Dingell (MI) of the EPA's National Vehicle and Fuel Emissions Laboratory in her district in Ann Arbor. The Congresswoman thanked the EPA staff for the tour and learning about its function for the auto industry.
- May 9: We held a background briefing for a new Senate ENR minority staffer on oil and gas industry-related programs and work with staff from Office of Atmospheric Programs and Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards.
- May 10: At the request of Congressman Lipinski's staff, and working with program staff in OTAQ, we responded to a request from the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) regarding an upcoming deadline and the current status of the Transition Period for Equipment Manufacturers (TPEM).
- May 12: The comment period will close on the proposed rule to relax the Reid Vapor Pressure requirement for middle Tennessee, and Sen. Corker's staff has requested our thoughts again on the estimated timeline for signing the final rule.
- We continue to assist Representative Renacci's staff with a constituent's vehicle import issue.
- In process for week of May 15: We are setting up a call with technical staff for a constituent of Representative Visclosky's who is trying to gain approval for a new fuel and/or production process.
- TBD week of May 15: We are working to schedule a briefing for Rep. Schweikert's (AZ) staff on EPA's efforts to study, promote, and deploy new, smaller, mobile air monitoring devices with staff from the Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards and Office of Research and Development.
- May 18 (not yet confirmed): We are working to schedule a member briefing call for Rep. Tim Murphy (PA) on manganese industry air emissions and S.H. Bell, with senior OA, OAR, and OECA officials.
- May 19: House Energy and Commerce Committee staff have requested that EPA provide

previously-requested written testimony on H.R. 806, the Ozone Standard Implementation Act of 2017. We are working with senior-level officials to review the staff draft before sending it to OMB for interagency review.

**Legislation of Interest:**

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- On Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, the Senate Energy Committee voted out S. 385, the Energy Savings and Industrial Competitiveness Act out of committee. While the bill is primarily directed at DOE, there are sections which would affect some EPA programs such as Energy Star. Senator Portman is the sponsor.

**To:** Hannon, Arnita[Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov]  
**Cc:** Cheatham-Strickland, Latonia[Cheatham-Strickland.Latonia@epa.gov]; Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]; Bowles, Jack[Bowles.Jack@epa.gov]; Bennett, Tate[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]  
**From:** Richardson, RobinH  
**Sent:** Fri 3/24/2017 6:17:14 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Status: Meeting Request from Houston Mayor Turner - Re: Houston's SSOs and Consent Agreement Concerns

Hi Arnita – Quick update...the scheduling meeting is now at 4:30pm. I should know more then.  
Best, Robin

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Robin H Richardson  
Principal Deputy Associate Administrator  
Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
202-564-3358 (desk)

**Personal Phone/Ex. 6**

richardson.robinh@epa.gov

**From:** Hannon, Arnita  
**Sent:** Friday, March 24, 2017 8:59 AM  
**To:** Richardson, RobinH <Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Cheatham-Strickland, Latonia <Cheatham-Strickland.Latonia@epa.gov>; Bangerter, Layne <bangerter.layne@epa.gov>; Bowles, Jack <Bowles.Jack@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Status: Meeting Request from Houston Mayor Turner - Re: Houston's SSOs and Consent Agreement Concerns

Hi Robin!

Perfectoooo! Thank you so much.

Arnita

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 24, 2017, at 8:56 AM, Richardson, RobinH <[Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov](mailto:Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hi Arnita – We have a scheduling meeting this morning at 10am. I'll let you know as soon as possible after that meeting. Ok? Thank you for your patience! Robin

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Robin H Richardson

Principal Deputy Associate Administrator

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

202-564-3358 (desk)

**Personal Phone/Ex. 6**

[richardson.robinh@epa.gov](mailto:richardson.robinh@epa.gov)

**From:** Hannon, Arnita

**Sent:** Thursday, March 23, 2017 6:34 PM

**To:** Richardson, RobinH <[Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov](mailto:Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov)>

**Cc:** Cheatham-Strickland, Latonia <[Cheatham-Strickland.Latonia@epa.gov](mailto:Cheatham-Strickland.Latonia@epa.gov)>; Bangerter, Layne <[bangerter.layne@epa.gov](mailto:bangerter.layne@epa.gov)>; Bowles, Jack <[Bowles.Jack@epa.gov](mailto:Bowles.Jack@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** Status: Meeting Request from Houston Mayor Turner - Re: Houston's SSOs and Consent Agreement Concerns

Hi Robin –

Wondering if this meeting is a go on Tuesday , March 28, as the mayor requested. We actually have a “Briefing” in the works -waiting to plug in Regional Hot Topics (limited to

just Water Infrastructure and whatever they can say about the continuing CA negotiations since this is the sole topic and the mayor will have his say and the Administrator will listen. I figure 15 minutes tops. I do not want to push Region VI if this meeting is not going to happen. I also have OECA and OW on standby because it will be super important for them to join the Region in signing off on the Briefing so I'd be circulating it for review. IF this meeting is going to happen, we want to get the briefing materials up timely.

Anyway, just checking and so appreciate any updates on whether this is a go.

Thank youuu!

Arnita

M. Arnita Hannon

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202.302.9109 (M)

**Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process**

202.501.1545 (Fax)

[hannon.arnita@epa.gov](mailto:hannon.arnita@epa.gov)

**From:** Matthews, Demond  
**Location:** DCRoomARN3428/OCIR  
**Importance:** Normal  
**Subject:** LGAC's Cleaning Up Our Communities (CUOC) Workgroup-Friday, May 5, 1:00pm- 2:00pm

**Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process**

**Start Date/Time:** Fri 5/5/2017 5:00:00 PM  
**End Date/Time:** Fri 5/5/2017 6:00:00 PM  
Regulatory Reform Agenda (EO 13777).pdf  
Agenda-CUOC-May 5-2017.docx

Good Afternoon,

The **LGAC's Cleaning Up Our Communities (CUOC) Workgroup** will meet via teleconference on **Friday, May 5, 2017, 1:00pm-2:00pm EDT. The call-in number**

**Non-responsive Conference Code/Ex.6**

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**#**. The agenda and meeting materials are attached.

The intent of the meeting is to introduce LGAC Members to our new OCIR Team members and offer you the opportunity to provide input concerning Executive Order 13777, Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda, on regulations that may be appropriate for repeal, replacement or modification.

EO 13777 specifically requires that EPA seek input from entities significantly affected by its regulations, including state and local governments. Administrator Pruitt has established the priority and process within the agency to achieve the goals of the EO.

We want you to provide input and hear your ideas and outlook on this significant issue. We will use our meeting minutes/notes as the means to compile your input prior to 15 May deadline.

Looking forward to your ideas and input!

NOTE: The following links will provide you additional background:

Press release: <https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/regulatory-reform-underway-epa>

Regulatory Reform central web site: <https://www.epa.gov/laws-regulations/regulatory-reform>

Regulatory Reform central docket: <https://www.regulations.gov/docket?D=EPA-HQ-OA-2017-0190>

V/r,

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**To:** Cheatham-Strickland, Latonia[Cheatham-Strickland.Latonia@epa.gov]; Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]  
**Cc:** Bowles, Jack[Bowles.Jack@epa.gov]  
**From:** Hannon, Arnita  
**Sent:** Mon 3/27/2017 8:24:50 PM  
**Subject:** Bios Needed for: Tate; Kenneth Wagner; Layne

Hi –

We will be going over to the US Conference of Mayors next week. I need to provide bios for Tate, Ken, and Layne ahead of this meeting so that the Executive Director's Assistant can put these in his package. Latonia, can you forward bios for Tate and Ken? Layne, might you send me yours or if I need to get it from Quianna, that is fine.

Thank you all so much and sorry to bother with this but just making sure I am responsive.

Arnita

M. Arnita Hannon

Intergovernmental Liaison

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**Personal Matters/Ex. 6**

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hannon.arnita@epa.gov



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RCL's[CNRCLsOIntergov.\_Contacts@epa.gov]  
**From:** Haman, Patricia  
**Sent:** Thur 3/23/2017 7:48:03 PM  
**Subject:** Air Team Weekly\_3-27-2017 regional.docx  
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Happy Spring!

## Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations

### Air Team Report

Week of March 27, 2017

#### **Hearings/Mark Ups**

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- March 22: The House Energy and Commerce Committee's (HEC) Environment Subcommittee held a legislative hearing on the bill introduced by Rep. Olson (TX) entitled "HR 806, Ozone Standards Implementation Act of 2017." It was similar to a hearing on the same bill last year, with witnesses from state and local air quality agencies in ME, WY, CA, and KY and the American Thoracic Society. We can provide a summary and notes for those who are interested. For more information, visit: <https://energycommerce.house.gov/hearings-and-votes/hearings/hr-806-ozone-standards-implementation-act-2017>.
- There are no new hearings with EPA witnesses on the horizon.

#### **Meetings/Briefings/Roll-outs**

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- We have fielded a couple of questions from a staffer related to HEC's hearing on HR806 about the Clean Air Act's penalties or sanctions process for San Joaquin Valley and exceptional events demonstration submittals from WY. HQ may request help from relevant regions.
- We and Region 4 continue to provide updates to Sen. Corker's office on the progress of the two rules under development, one each at the regional and headquarters offices, to approve the TN request to use standard gasoline, as opposed to less volatile and lower Reid vapor pressure (RVP) gasoline, during the summer months. The office and the state agency would like the rules to move as quickly as possible, and so far, EPA has successfully expedited their development.
- We continue to communicate with staff from Rep. Trent Kelly (MS) and Rep. Morgan Griffith's (VA) offices and OAR-OAP regarding the Significant New Alternatives Policy (SNAP) program. This is follow-up to an in-person meeting held on Wednesday, February 22; we will provide any new information as it arises.
- March 23: We will be speaking to Senate EPW minority staff to give an update on the DERA program and to answer any questions they have regarding implementation of the program.
- March 23: Along with staff from OAR-OTAQ, we hosted a call with staff from Maine senators Susan Collins and Angus King's offices regarding the definition of renewable biomass under the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) program. The senate staff asked EPA clarifying questions regarding the eligibility of natural growth trees as renewable biomass and the definitions of biomass contained in the Energy Policy Act of 2005 and the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007. We will provide updates on any further discussions on this topic as they may arise.

**To:** Nagle, Deborah[Nagle.Deborah@epa.gov]; Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]  
**From:** Hannon, Arnita  
**Sent:** Tue 4/11/2017 6:45:10 PM  
**Subject:** FW: Update: HOLD ON - Might be a 4:30 - 4:40 Slot for Today with Ryan! Re: Taunton

Hey You Two –

I was thinking you all thought we did not necessarily need the Region to call into the brief meeting with Ryan this afternoon. Change of mind on that? Just checking since we'd need to open a line in Ryan's office and make sure the Region had the call-in info. Deborah I think you said we could use yours once we settle into Ryan's office? That is IF you and Layne think we need to patch in the Region. Let me know so that I can sort of clear that with Ryan and Sharnett.

Thank Youuu!

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**From:** Bukhari, Samir  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 11, 2017 2:36 PM  
**To:** Dierker, Carl <Dierker.Carl@epa.gov>; Hannon, Arnita <Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: Update: HOLD ON - Might be a 4:30 - 4:40 Slot for Today with Ryan! Re: Taunton

Hi Arnita, could you please copy Carl as well to keep him in the loop. Thanks, Samir

Samir Bukhari

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**From:** Nagle, Deborah  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 11, 2017 2:28 PM  
**To:** Schroer, Lee <[schroer.lee@epa.gov](mailto:schroer.lee@epa.gov)>; Bukhari, Samir <[Bukhari.Samir@epa.gov](mailto:Bukhari.Samir@epa.gov)>; Moraff, Kenneth <[Moraff.Ken@epa.gov](mailto:Moraff.Ken@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Update: HOLD ON - Might be a 4:30 - 4:40 Slot for Today with Ryan! Re: Taunton

If this is a go I will use my call in number

Non-responsive Conference Code/Ex.6

Deborah

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Hannon, Arnita" <[Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov](mailto:Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov)>

**Date:** April 11, 2017 at 2:19:54 PM EDT

**To:** "Bangerter, Layne" <[bangerter.layne@epa.gov](mailto:bangerter.layne@epa.gov)>, "Nagle, Deborah" <[Nagle.Deborah@epa.gov](mailto:Nagle.Deborah@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** Update: HOLD ON - Might be a 4:30 - 4:40 Slot for Today with Ryan! Re: Taunton

Sharnett will signal me but might be 4:30 -slot with Ryan so we can jump on that. Stay tuned and thanks for your patience!

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**From:** Hannon, Arnita  
**Sent:** Wed 5/3/2017 4:42:53 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Sacramento Chamber Meeting - May 2, 2017 - Thank You! - Region 9 Participants

Many thanks so very much Brent and Region IX!

Arnita

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**From:** Maier, Brent

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 03, 2017 12:30 PM

**To:** Hannon, Arnita <Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov>; Francisco Medina <fmedina@**[Personal Email/Ex. 6]**>  
**Cc:** Bangerter, Layne <bangerter.layne@epa.gov>; Matthews, Demond <matthews.demond@epa.gov>; Bowles, Jack <Bowles.Jack@epa.gov>; nottolid@saccounty.net; mcrows@ci.galt.ca.us; shansen@cityofsacramento.org; bill.mueller@**[Personal Email/Ex. 6]** lgreene@**[Personal Email/Ex. 6]** frosts@county.net; RODS@**[Personal Email/Ex. 6]** Hanson, Andrew <Hanson.Andrew@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Sacramento Chamber Meeting - May 2, 2017 - Thank You! - Region 9 Participants

Apologies, I have corrected the contact information for Scott Stollman:

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**Sent:** Wednesday, May 03, 2017 9:28 AM

**To:** Hannon, Arnita <Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov>; Francisco Medina

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RODS@ [Personal Email/Ex. 6] Hanson, Andrew <Hanson.Andrew@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Sacramento Chamber Meeting - May 2, 2017 - Thank You! - Region 9 Participants

Arnita –

As requested, here is a list and contact information for the Region 9 participants that joined me in the call:

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**Sent:** Wednesday, May 03, 2017 9:19 AM

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**Subject:** Sacramento Chamber Meeting - May 2, 2017 - Thank You!

Dear Francisco –

I really had to come back and give a tremendous thanks to you for working with us to have time with the very fine representatives of the Sacramento Metro Chamber who joined us yesterday.

As you know, we had both headquarters and regional staff participating in the discussion and dialogue, and we appreciate deeply all that the Chamber shared.

We enjoyed the updates on the great work the Chamber is leading. We found most helpful the extensive background packet that tells the stories of the outstanding initiatives and programs they are leading in the region – through federal, state and local partnerships, including key partnerships with EPA - to both promote economic growth, and protect the environment and we congratulate these leaders on continuing the efforts. The reps noted graciously how much they value their partnerships and working relationship with Region IX, and they left an open invitation for EPA to staff to visit anytime to observe some of their work. The Chamber representatives showed what we consider models for community successes, and for local commitments that forge ahead to invest in programs and innovative approaches to meeting both economic growth and environmental protection needs. I am happy to say that the representatives said they enjoyed the meeting, dialogue and guidance, and they look forward to continuing to partner with EPA in their efforts.

In the room from EPA, we had Layne Bangerter, Deputy Associate Administrator for Intergovernmental Relations (Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations); Demond Matthews, Small Communities Liaison (OCIR); Matthew Dalbey, Director, Office of Sustainable Communities (Office of Policy); Josh, Lewis, Chief of Staff, Office of Air & Radiation; and Andrea Denny, Local Clean Energy Programs (Office of Air and Radiation). On the telephone from Region IX, we had several Air Division staff members, including Ben Machol, Scott Stollman, and Matt Lakin. And of course, Brent Maier, Congressional and Intergovernmental Liaison, pulled together the great Region IX participants. *I have copied Brent so that he can provide names of all from his end.* I know the Chamber reps know most of the Region IX staff so there were shout-outs all around☺!

Again, thank you and the Chamber so much. I am also copying Chamber representatives, including: Vice Mayors Nottoli (Board of Supervisors, County of Sacramento) and Crews (Gault, CA); Councilmember Hansen (Sacramento); Supervisor Sue Frost; Larry Greene, Executive Director/Air Pollution Control Officer, Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District; Valley Vision Chief Executive Bill Mueller; and Rod Stinson, Division Manager/Air Quality Specialist (Raney), who shared their cards, and we know that they will share our great appreciation with any I have missed.

Most Sincerely,

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**To:** Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]  
**From:** Wilkes, Quianna  
**Sent:** Wed 3/29/2017 1:55:35 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Calendar

*Hey Layne, Does Senator Jeff Siddoway go by the name of Greg? That was the name that's on his voicemail.*

**From:** Bangerter, Layne  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 28, 2017 11:37 AM  
**To:** Wilkes, Quianna <Wilkes.Quianna@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Calendar

He functions via text if that helps.

**From:** Wilkes, Quianna  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 28, 2017 11:29 AM  
**To:** Bangerter, Layne <bangerter.layne@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Calendar

*Still have not spoken to him but I did leave a message confirming your meeting tomorrow and the location.*

**From:** Bangerter, Layne  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 28, 2017 11:09 AM  
**To:** Wilkes, Quianna <Wilkes.Quianna@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Calendar

Thanks!

**From:** Wilkes, Quianna  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 28, 2017 9:18 AM  
**To:** Bangerter, Layne <bangerter.layne@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Calendar

*I spoke with Lorna, gave her the address and changed your meeting time. I will call Senator Siddoway but did not receive an answer but I have placed this meeting on your schedule. I will give him a call again to make sure he gets the address.*

**From:** Bangerter, Layne  
**Sent:** Monday, March 27, 2017 4:17 PM  
**To:** Wilkes, Quianna <[Wilkes.Quianna@epa.gov](mailto:Wilkes.Quianna@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Calendar

Sorry. Please text Lorna Finman and see if she can come at 2PM now. Also schedule Senator Jeff Siddoway for Wednesday 11:45 for a half hour meeting and call him also:  
Thanks!

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**From:** Wilkes, Quianna  
**Sent:** Monday, March 27, 2017 3:17 PM  
**To:** Bangerter, Layne <[bangerter.layne@epa.gov](mailto:bangerter.layne@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Calendar

*Done.*

**From:** Bangerter, Layne  
**Sent:** Monday, March 27, 2017 2:55 PM  
**To:** Wilkes, Quianna <[Wilkes.Quianna@epa.gov](mailto:Wilkes.Quianna@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Calendar

Could you add a meeting for me with Lorna Finman here, Wednesday 12:30-1PM?

**To:** Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]  
**From:** Hannon, Arnita  
**Sent:** Wed 5/10/2017 6:27:30 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Reminder: Walking Over to National Meeting Room around 2:25 for the 2:30 Outreach Discussion

Ok, coming to get you now!

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**From:** Bangerter, Layne  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 10, 2017 2:27 PM  
**To:** Hannon, Arnita <Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Reminder: Walking Over to National Meeting Room around 2:25 for the 2:30 Outreach Discussion

Yes

**From:** Hannon, Arnita  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 10, 2017 2:12 PM  
**To:** Bangerter, Layne <[bangerter.layne@epa.gov](mailto:bangerter.layne@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Reminder: Walking Over to National Meeting Room around 2:25 for the 2:30 Outreach Discussion

Hi Again!

Know you wanted to hit the National Meeting some today and the portion of interest to us – “Outreach” is coming up at 2:30. Shall Demond and I come and grab you to walk over for that portion in a few moments? Runs from 2:30 – 3:30 and focuses on “Engagement” so we definitely want YOU there☺!

Thanks and let me know!

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**Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process**

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**From:** Bowles, Jack  
**Location:** DCRoomARN3528/OCIR  
**Importance:** Normal  
**Subject:** Accepted: LGAC Pre-brief  
**Start Date/Time:** Wed 4/5/2017 3:00:00 PM  
**End Date/Time:** Wed 4/5/2017 3:15:00 PM

**To:** Hope, Brian[Hope.Brian@epa.gov]; Ferguson, Lincoln[ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov]; Eisenberg, Mindy[Eisenberg.Mindy@epa.gov]  
**Cc:** Goodin, John[Goodin.John@epa.gov]; Bowles, Jack[Bowles.Jack@epa.gov]; Downing, Donna[Downing.Donna@epa.gov]; Christensen, Damaris[Christensen.Damaris@epa.gov]; Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]; Ruf, Christine[Ruf.Christine@epa.gov]; Ferguson, Lincoln[ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov]; Burden, Susan[Burden.Susan@epa.gov]  
**From:** Hanson, Andrew  
**Sent:** Fri 4/7/2017 5:06:08 PM  
**Subject:** RE: WOTUS letter - signature process

**This version says EST**, and – I believe – we're in daylight time. Will matter for folks calling in.

**From:** Hope, Brian  
**Sent:** Friday, April 07, 2017 12:47 PM  
**To:** Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>; Eisenberg, Mindy <Eisenberg.Mindy@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Hanson, Andrew <Hanson.Andrew@epa.gov>; Goodin, John <Goodin.John@epa.gov>; Bowles, Jack <Bowles.Jack@epa.gov>; Downing, Donna <Downing.Donna@epa.gov>; Christensen, Damaris <Christensen.Damaris@epa.gov>; Bangerter, Layne <bangerter.layne@epa.gov>; Ruf, Christine <Ruf.Christine@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: WOTUS letter - signature process

Just printed on letterhead and will be packaged in red folder momentarily. Attached is a scan of the final product using the Administrator's formatting preferences, signature block, etc. No substantive edits - took out "you" from the first line, and the rest is commas, replacing unseraphed quotes and apostrophes, standardizing sentence spacing, etc.

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**From:** Ferguson, Lincoln  
**Sent:** Friday, April 7, 2017 12:35 PM  
**To:** Eisenberg, Mindy  
**Cc:** Hanson, Andrew; Goodin, John; Bowles, Jack; Downing, Donna; Christensen, Damaris; Bangerter, Layne; Ruf, Christine; Hope, Brian  
**Subject:** Re: WOTUS letter - signature process

Great - let me know when it is ready for him to sign

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 7, 2017, at 12:25 PM, Eisenberg, Mindy <[Eisenberg.Mindy@epa.gov](mailto:Eisenberg.Mindy@epa.gov)> wrote:

I formatted the letter to accommodate Agency letter head and put it in Times Roman 12 font which is standard for all correspondence, so there is more text that carries onto the second page so it doesn't look cut off.

Mindy Eisenberg

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**From:** Ferguson, Lincoln

**Sent:** Friday, April 07, 2017 12:22 PM

**To:** Hanson, Andrew <[Hanson.Andrew@epa.gov](mailto:Hanson.Andrew@epa.gov)>; Goodin, John <[Goodin.John@epa.gov](mailto:Goodin.John@epa.gov)>

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**Subject:** RE: WOTUS letter - signature process

This version has been approved by the Administrator but needs to be condensed to all fit on one page. Can somebody assist in doing that?

Once that is done we can have it ready for him to sign.

**From:** Hanson, Andrew  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 6, 2017 10:08 PM  
**To:** Goodin, John <[Goodin.John@epa.gov](mailto:Goodin.John@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Bowles, Jack <[Bowles.Jack@epa.gov](mailto:Bowles.Jack@epa.gov)>; Eisenberg, Mindy <[Eisenberg.Mindy@epa.gov](mailto:Eisenberg.Mindy@epa.gov)>; Downing, Donna <[Downing.Donna@epa.gov](mailto:Downing.Donna@epa.gov)>; Christensen, Damaris <[Christensen.Damaris@epa.gov](mailto:Christensen.Damaris@epa.gov)>; Bangerter, Layne <[bangerter.layne@epa.gov](mailto:bangerter.layne@epa.gov)>; Ruf, Christine <[Ruf.Christine@epa.gov](mailto:Ruf.Christine@epa.gov)>; Hope, Brian <[Hope.Brian@epa.gov](mailto:Hope.Brian@epa.gov)>; Ferguson, Lincoln <[ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov](mailto:ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: WOTUS letter - signature process

Hi John,

Please keep in mind that the scanned digital version we (OCIR) send to our targeted Big 10 reps -- attached to an electronic scheduler -- will be the primary (most effective and expedient) means of ensuring the invitation letter gets to the right intergov association participants, incl. the water association reps. The greeting should be "Dear Intergovernmental Association Colleague".

The signed/mailed hard copy letters referred to below will be, as a practical matter, a superfluous part of the actual notification process.

EOn Apr 6, 2017, at 5:41 PM, Goodin, John <[Goodin.John@epa.gov](mailto:Goodin.John@epa.gov)> wrote:

Folks—below is where the process stands for sending out the Federalism invite letter tomorrow.

Jack—Brian Hope indicated he'd circulate the pdf since you'll want to send digitally as well. He also mentioned that Lincoln said the Administrator may have thoughts on the recipient list (now dropped from the letter itself).

Andrew and Damaris are taking a first cut at drafting presentation materials for the 19<sup>th</sup>, including how to characterize the Federalism opportunity in light of the two-step process.

Thanks

John

**From:** Knapp, Kristien

**Sent:** Thursday, April 06, 2017 5:28 PM

**To:** Hope, Brian <[Hope.Brian@epa.gov](mailto:Hope.Brian@epa.gov)>; Gaines, Cynthia <[Gaines.Cynthia@epa.gov](mailto:Gaines.Cynthia@epa.gov)>; Threet, Derek <[Threet.Derek@epa.gov](mailto:Threet.Derek@epa.gov)>; Burden, Susan <[Burden.Susan@epa.gov](mailto:Burden.Susan@epa.gov)>; Goodin, John <[Goodin.John@epa.gov](mailto:Goodin.John@epa.gov)>; Ferguson, Lincoln <[ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov](mailto:ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov)>; Ruf, Christine <[Ruf.Christine@epa.gov](mailto:Ruf.Christine@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** WOTUS letter - signature process

Because we all have a part to play and this is urgent, I am setting out the plan we've all just talked about for getting the WOTUS letter signed tomorrow morning.

## Deliberative Process Privilege/Ex. 5

Lincoln, please keep us all posted on your end, especially if you have timing needs so that we can help you meet them. Susan Burden will be your main point of contact in the Administrator's Office tomorrow. She will make sure this gets signed and follows all the necessary process points.

Please flag any missing points or questions.

<UPDATED FEDCON (002).docx>

**To:** AO PUBLIC GROUPS[AO\_PUBLIC\_GROUPS@epa.gov]  
**From:** Twillman, Brian  
**Sent:** Mon 3/20/2017 6:11:21 PM  
**Subject:** ANNOUNCING & REQUESTING HELP: AO's Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day (to be held on Thursday, April 27, 2017)  
AO's 'Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day' Proposed Agenda of Planned Events - April 27 2017.ppt

**Hello Everyone** - Here in AO, we are beginning to organize this year's **'Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day,'** scheduled for **Thursday, April 27, 2017**. We are pleased to report that we have begun to put together ideas for special events and activities, including the popular 'moot court' experience offered by EPA's Environmental Appeals Board (EAB), a walking tour of Federal Triangle Grounds and Rain Gardens, a tour of the EPA Emergency Operations Center, and an afternoon filled with fun, educational games. If all goes according to plan, these educational events will engage children and teens (**ages 5-16**) and showcase some of the important work we do here.



This **#COUNTONME** hashtag is the official logo and theme supporting

**Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work® Day 2017!** This year's theme emphasizes responsibility.

**PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING THE EVENT PLANNING WORKGROUP – We are Seeking 'Employee Volunteers' from ALL Offices here in AO!** In the past, what has made these events so successful and well-organized, has been the fact that we have had strong volunteer participation from across our organization in the planning, organizing, and implementation of the day's activities.

- ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐ In order to educate the children of AO employees about the diverse range of work

that happens here, we seek the involvement of all offices in AO. We are happy to announce the Office of Environmental Education (OEE) has already committed to serving on the workgroup and to provide several educational experiences for the upcoming event.

- Please email Brian Twillman ([twillman.brian@epa.gov](mailto:twillman.brian@epa.gov)) and Matthew Tomlin ([tomlin.matthew@epa.gov](mailto:tomlin.matthew@epa.gov)) if you would like to serve on this planning workgroup.

**KEY BACKGROUND INFORMATION: What is this day about?** With more than 37 million youth and adults at over 3.5 million workplaces each year, this special day, which was first celebrated twenty-four years ago, has inspired a future generation of girls and boys by helping bring them into the workplace to explore the workplace and to learn more about workplaces and the world of work. Further information can be obtained at the following website: <http://www.daughtersandsonstowork.org/>.

**OUR TENTATIVE PLANS (Subject to Changes and New Additions):** Please see the attachment (which serves as an early draft of likely timeframes and activities).

- The day's events will begin at 9 a.m. in WJC North Room 3530. All parents are expected to pick up their kids at lunchtime and arrange for lunch on their own. We will resume @ 1 p.m. by meeting together near the 1201 Constitution Avenue entrance to the WJC East Building. Following the 'walking tour,' we will reenter the building together. The afternoon activities will be held in the WJC East Building in Room 1117A. Parents are expected to pick-up their kids by 3:30 p.m.

**EASY REGISTRATION PROCEDURE:** To register your child (or children) please fill in the Registration Sheet found [here](#) on the AO SharePoint site by noon, Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

**If you have trouble registering through the online form, please send an e-mail to Matthew Tomlin and Brian Twillman with the following information:**

- Name, age, and gender of child or children
- Your name, office, phone number, and room location
- Anything else we should know, such as food allergies (light refreshments will be

provided)

### **EXPECTATIONS FOR PARENTS: We Are Making the Following Requests of Parents:**

- Please be sure your children are appropriately dressed for this event and for the day's activities. Should weather become an issue, we will plan to hold all or most of the activities (except for the first half-hour) in the WJC East Building Room 1117A.
- Please be on time so everything moves smoothly.
- Please encourage your children to actively engage in the day's activities. Our volunteer group will be focused on making the day's events as interesting as possible.
- Given that the day will be a busy one, you might consider making sure your children do have some of their own snacks, water, etc. We will be making some snacks and refreshments available during the afternoon activities following the walking tour.
- Encourage your children to act in a safe, respectful manner as they will be here in a federal workspace.
- Feel free to participate in as much of the day's activities as you wish, including the Welcoming Remarks, observing the moot court, the walking tours, and the other afternoon activities.

**SPECIFIC INFO ABOUT THE MOOT COURT OR MOCK TRIAL EVENT:** As in past years, we are delighted to announce that the Environmental Appeals Board, in the Office of Administrative and Resources Management (OARM), will be hosting a Mock Trial and Mediation Exercise for the children with parents who work in OARM and the Office of the Administrator.

### **Pre-registration is Required to Participate:**

- The exercise is designed for children ages 10 and up and will take place on Thursday April 27<sup>th</sup> from 9:45AM to approximately 12:00PM in the Administrative Courtroom (WJC East 1152). Space is limited to 20 children and registration will take place on a first come first served basis.
- To register your child, please e-mail David Heckler ([heckler.david@epa.gov](mailto:heckler.david@epa.gov)) and cc Brian Twillman ([twillman.brian@epa.gov](mailto:twillman.brian@epa.gov)) and Matthew Tomlin ([tomlin.matthew@epa.gov](mailto:tomlin.matthew@epa.gov)). Please send the e-mail **no later than Wednesday, April 19, 2017.**

- All registered children will receive materials to review before the event. Once the program is full, other children who wish to do so may observe the mock hearing as part of the audience.

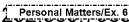
We trust this entire day will be enjoyable and memorable for all!

If you have any questions, please contact us.

**Brian M. Twillman, MS-ABS** - Training Coordinator and Organization Development Specialist

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EPA University's List of Mandatory Training: <http://workplace.epa.gov/training.html>

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***“Live so that when others think of compassion, honesty and integrity, they think of you...” – Unknown***

***“Life is perpetual instruction in cause and effect.” – Ralph Waldo Emerson***

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

THE ADMINISTRATOR

March 30, 2017

The Honorable Matt Bevin  
Governor of Kentucky  
700 Capitol Avenue  
Suite 100  
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

Dear Governor Bevin:

On February 9, 2016, the Supreme Court of the United States stayed implementation of the Clean Power Plan (CPP) effectively "suspend[ing] administrative alteration of the status quo." *Nken v. Holder*, 556 U.S. 418, 428 n.1 (2009). Further, pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act, the Supreme Court has authority to "issue all necessary and appropriate process to postpone the effective date of an agency action or to preserve status or rights pending conclusion of the review proceedings." 5 U.S.C. § 705.

Under that precedent, States and other interested parties have neither been required nor expected to work towards meeting the compliance dates set in the CPP. It is the policy of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that States have no obligation to spend resources to comply with a Rule that has been stayed by the Supreme Court of the United States. To the extent any deadlines become relevant in the future, case law and past practice of the EPA supports the application of day-to-day tolling.

The days of coercive federalism are over. Accordingly, I look forward to working with you, your state experts and local communities as we develop a path forward to improve our environment and bolster the economy in a manner that is respectful of and consistent with the rule of law.

Respectfully yours

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Scott Pruitt", is written over the typed name. The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "S".

E. Scott Pruitt

**To:** Davis, Patrick[davis.patrick@epa.gov]  
**Cc:** Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]; Nitsch, Chad[Nitsch.Chad@epa.gov]  
**From:** Ferris, Lena  
**Sent:** Fri 3/24/2017 6:04:47 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Monday 3:00 Conference Call with EPA Regional Agriculture Contacts - Talking Points

No problem.

thanks

Lena

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**From:** Davis, Patrick  
**Sent:** Friday, March 24, 2017 1:59 PM  
**To:** Ferris, Lena  
**Cc:** Bangerter, Layne; Nitsch, Chad  
**Subject:** Re: Monday 3:00 Conference Call with EPA Regional Agriculture Contacts - Talking Points

I will be coming from an OLEM meeting at 2:30 in the west building. I may arrive late.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 24, 2017, at 1:57 PM, Ferris, Lena <[Ferris.Lena@epa.gov](mailto:Ferris.Lena@epa.gov)> wrote:

Layne and Patrick --

Here are talking points for both of you. After you give opening remarks and add whatever else you feel is relevant we will open it up for questions and then wrap up. It's only 30 minutes.

Please let me know if you want any changes to the talking points.

Lena Ferris

Special Assistant to the Agriculture Counselor

Office of the Administrator

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**To:** Anderson, Denise[anderson.denise@epa.gov]  
**From:** Anderson, Denise  
**Sent:** Tue 3/14/2017 8:55:44 PM  
**Subject:** 3.16.17 - 3.23.17 | Schedule for Acting Deputy Administrator Mike Flynn

## **Schedule for Acting Deputy Administrator Mike Flynn**

**Thursday, March 16, 2017**

09:30 AM - 10:00 AM Weekly Check-in with Acting RA Cecil Rodrigues - Teleconference

10:00 AM - 10:30 AM Weekly General Discussion - WJC-N 3412

12:30 PM - 01:00 PM Executive time: Do Not schedule -

01:00 PM - 01:45 PM Lab Workgroup Charge - DCROOMWJCN3330Q

02:00 PM - 04:00 PM EELC Teleconference - DCRoomARN3530CFTB/DC-Ariel-Rios-AO

02:00 PM - 02:30 PM Daily Meeting w/Special Assistants - 3412 WJC-N (Mike's Office)

02:30 PM - 03:00 PM Executive and Administrative Weekly meeting - WJC-N 3412

03:00 PM - 03:30 PM Hot Issues Check-in - WJC-N 3415

04:00 PM - 05:00 PM OHS General - John's Office

05:00 PM - 05:15 PM Daily Check-in w/ Ryan Jackson -

**Friday, March 17, 2017**

08:30 AM - 04:00 PM Out of the Office -

**Monday, March 20, 2017**

12:30 PM - 01:00 PM Executive time: Do Not schedule -

01:00 PM - 02:00 PM Senior Staff Meeting - Alm Conference Room

02:00 PM - 02:30 PM Daily Meeting w/Special Assistants - 3412 WJC-N (Mike's Office)

02:30 PM - 03:00 PM Weekly Check-in with Acting RA Bob Kaplan - Teleconference

03:00 PM - 03:30 PM Hot Issues Check-in - WJC-N 3415

04:30 PM - 05:00 PM Weekly Check-in -

05:00 PM - 05:15 PM Daily Check-in w/ Ryan Jackson -

**Tuesday, March 21, 2017**

09:00 AM - 09:30 AM Weekly Check-in with Region 2 RA Catherine McCabe -  
Teleconference

12:00 PM - 01:00 PM National HQ & RG 1st Assistants VTC - DCRoomARN3330/DC-AR-  
OARM

12:00 PM - 01:00 PM Canceled: HQ 1st Assistants Business Meeting -  
DCRoomARN3330/DC-AR-OARM

12:30 PM - 01:00 PM Executive time: Do Not schedule -

02:00 PM - 02:30 PM Daily Meeting w/Special Assistants - 3412 WJC-N (Mike's Office)

03:00 PM - 03:30 PM Hot Issues Check-in - WJC-N 3415

04:00 PM - 04:30 PM Weekly Check-in with Region 7 Acting RA Ed Chu - Teleconference

04:00 PM - 04:30 PM Weekly Check-in with ARA Debra Thomas - Teleconference

05:00 PM - 06:00 PM Private

05:00 PM - 05:15 PM Daily Check-in w/ Ryan Jackson -

**Wednesday, March 22, 2017**

09:00 AM - 09:30 AM Weekly General check-in Region 1 - Deb Szaro - Teleconference

12:00 PM - 01:00 PM Canceled: RG 1st Assistants -

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**Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process**

12:30 PM - 01:00 PM Executive time: Do Not schedule -

02:00 PM - 02:30 PM Daily Meeting w/Special Assistants - 3412 WJC-N (Mike's Office)

02:00 PM - 03:00 PM CDP ERB Meeting (VTC) - DCRoomARN3330/DC-AR-OARM

03:00 PM - 03:30 PM Hot Issues Check-in - WJC-N 3415

04:00 PM - 04:30 PM Weekly Check-in with Acting RA Anne Heard - Teleconference

05:00 PM - 05:15 PM Daily Check-in w/ Ryan Jackson -

### **Thursday, March 23, 2017**

09:30 AM - 10:00 AM Weekly Check-in with Acting RA Cecil Rodrigues - Teleconference

10:00 AM - 10:30 AM Weekly General Discussion - WJC-N 3412

12:30 PM - 01:00 PM Executive time: Do Not schedule -

02:00 PM - 03:00 PM RESCHEDULED: 2017 Federal Triangle Partnership Women's History Month Celebration: Honoring Trailblazing Women in Labor and Business - United States Department of Commerce's Auditorium (1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230) or via EPA tv

02:00 PM - 02:30 PM Daily Meeting w/Special Assistants - 3412 WJC-N (Mike's Office)

02:30 PM - 03:00 PM Executive and Administrative Weekly meeting - WJC-N 3412

03:00 PM - 03:30 PM Hot Issues Check-in - WJC-N 3415

04:00 PM - 05:00 PM OHS General - John's Office

05:00 PM - 05:15 PM Daily Check-in w/ Ryan Jackson -

05:00 PM - 06:00 PM General Discussion (First Assistants) -

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Denise L. Anderson

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**Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process**

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**Cc:** Gray, David[gray.david@epa.gov]  
**From:** Gray, David  
**Sent:** Tue 4/18/2017 6:11:29 PM  
**Subject:** Heads Up -Louisiana Oil Spill

Region 6 (Dallas) is deploying to an oil spill. Louisiana Oil Spill Coordinator's Office (LOSCO) notified us of a 20-40 bbl oil and up to 400 bbl process water spill at the Fortunate Energy

**Deliberative Process Privilege/Ex. 5**

**To:** AO-OCIR Everyone[AOOCIR\_Everyone@epa.gov]  
**From:** Klasen, Matthew  
**Sent:** Thur 3/23/2017 6:48:34 PM  
**Subject:** Licorice and chocolates on the table in 3443

Hi folks,

A batch of licorice and chocolates have made an appearance on the table in 3443, courtesy of my recent adventures in Iceland. Enjoy!

(Legal scholars among you (Kyle Aarons) may point out that the fine print of the packaging explains that neither of these items was actually manufactured in Iceland. I apologize for this oversight. That said, I suspect that your enjoyment of the items will be unaffected.)

-Matt

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**From:** Gross, Heidi  
**Sent:** Tue 3/28/2017 9:14:03 PM  
**Subject:** Talent Hub -- two OCFO-OTS Information Management and Security Division Opportunities -- Financial and Mixed Financial Data Management and Data Analytics

Please see these two excellent OCFO-OTS-IMSD detail opportunities to work in the area of Financial and Mixed Financial Data Management and Data Analytics.

Both offerings close on April 5, 2017.

**Opportunity Type:** Full Time Detail/Temporary Promotion  
**Application Deadline:** Wednesday, April 05, 2017  
**Pay Scale/Grade:** GS 14/15  
**Type of Work:** Information Technology  
**Who can Apply:** All HQ; All Regions

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**Opportunity Type:** Full Time Detail/Temporary Promotion  
**Application Deadline:** Wednesday, April 05, 2017  
**Pay Scale/Grade:** GS 13/14  
**Type of Work:** Information Technology  
**Who can Apply:** All HQ; All Regions

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**From:** Maier, Brent  
**Sent:** Wed 5/3/2017 4:27:48 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Sacramento Chamber Meeting - May 2, 2017 - Thank You! - Region 9 Participants

Arnita –

As requested, here is a list and contact information for the Region 9 participants that joined me in the call:

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<Hanson.Andrew@epa.gov>; Hannon, Arnita <Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Sacramento Chamber Meeting - May 2, 2017 - Thank You!

Dear Francisco –

I really had to come back and give a tremendous thanks to you for working with us to have time with the very fine representatives of the Sacramento Metro Chamber who joined us yesterday.

As you know, we had both headquarters and regional staff participating in the discussion and dialogue, and we appreciate deeply all that the Chamber shared.

We enjoyed the updates on the great work the Chamber is leading. We found most helpful the extensive background packet that tells the stories of the outstanding initiatives and programs they are leading in the region – through federal, state and local partnerships, including key partnerships with EPA - to both promote economic growth, and protect the environment and we congratulate these leaders on continuing the efforts. The reps noted graciously how much they value their partnerships and working relationship with Region IX, and they left an open invitation for EPA to staff to visit anytime to observe some of their work. The Chamber representatives showed what we consider models for community successes, and for local commitments that forge ahead to invest in programs and innovative approaches to meeting both economic growth and environmental protection needs. I am happy to say that the representatives said they enjoyed the meeting, dialogue and guidance, and they look forward to continuing to partner with EPA in their efforts.

In the room from EPA, we had Layne Bangerter, Deputy Associate Administrator for Intergovernmental Relations (Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations); Demond Matthews, Small Communities Liaison (OCIR); Matthew Dalbey, Director, Office of Sustainable Communities (Office of Policy); Josh, Lewis, Chief of Staff, Office of Air & Radiation; and Andrea Denny, Local Clean Energy Programs (Office of Air and Radiation). On the telephone from Region IX, we had several Air Division staff members, including Ben Machol, Scott Stollman, and Matt Lakin. And of course, Brent Maier, Congressional and Intergovernmental Liaison, pulled together the great Region IX participants. *I have copied Brent so that he can provide names of all from his end.* I know the Chamber reps know most of the Region IX staff so there were shout-outs all around☺!

Again, thank you and the Chamber so much. I am also copying Chamber representatives, including: Vice Mayors Nottoli (Board of Supervisors, County of Sacramento) and Crews (Gault, CA); Councilmember Hansen (Sacramento); Supervisor Sue Frost; Larry Greene, Executive Director/Air Pollution Control Officer, Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality

Management District; Valley Vision Chief Executive Bill Mueller; and Rod Stinson, Division Manager/Air Quality Specialist (Raney), who shared their cards, and we know that they will share our great appreciation with any I have missed.

Most Sincerely,

Arnita

M. Arnita Hannon

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**Subject:** Telework Today

Good Morning Everyone,

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Best Regards,

**Jack Bowles**

Director of State & Local Relations

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Bennett, Tate[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]  
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**From:** Cheatham-Strickland, Latonia  
**Sent:** Wed 3/29/2017 1:48:51 PM  
**Subject:** Meeting moved to 2:30 to 3:00

Apologies, the meeting has been rescheduled for 2:30.

Best Regards,

Latonia

Latonia Cheatham Strickland

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**From:** Hannon, Arnita  
**Sent:** Wed 5/10/2017 5:43:44 PM  
**Subject:** Meetings for Next Week

Hi!

Don't forget to check your calendar invites for next week. Hope you can do both the City of Pueblo Meeting on the 16yh (3:30 – 4:00 pm/Room 2530 (Introductions and Welcome and any time you'd like to stay for dialogue). Councilmembers. City has difficulty meeting our Selenium Standards. Senator Cory Gardner (CO) asked that we meet with them and we have the usual star staff, including regional, lined up. Anyway, you'll see the invite.

And Drew has the Hamilton County Commissioner on the 18<sup>th</sup> and I think you've "Accepted" that one, but just reminding.

Ok, that's it I think on the meetings front!

A

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**Sent:** Thur 5/4/2017 7:07:51 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Interesting

Hmmm! Disappointing!

Skip Brandt

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**TRUMP**  
**MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN!**

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**To:** Skip Brandt [mailto:Personal Matters/Ex. 6]  
**Subject:** RE: Interesting

I have to assume so.

**From:** Skip Brandt [mailto:Personal Matters/Ex. 6]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 4, 2017 2:18 PM  
**To:** Bangerter, Layne <bangerter.layne@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Interesting

So is she even truly being considered?

Skip Brandt

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**From:** Bangerter, Layne [<mailto:bangerter.layne@epa.gov>]

**Sent:** Thursday, May 4, 2017 10:48 AM

**To:** Skip Brandt <[skip.brandt@epa.gov](mailto:skip.brandt@epa.gov)> **Personal Matters/Ex. 6**

**Subject:** RE: Interesting

NOPE

**From:** Skip Brandt [<mailto:skip.brandt@epa.gov>] **Personal Matters/Ex. 6**

**Sent:** Thursday, May 4, 2017 11:49 AM

**To:** Bangerter, Layne <[bangerter.layne@epa.gov](mailto:bangerter.layne@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: Interesting

Did Erica campaign for Trump at all?

Skip Brandt

Personal Matters/Ex. 6

**TRUMP**  
MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN!

**From:** Bangerter, Layne [<mailto:bangerter.layne@epa.gov>]

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 3, 2017 9:31 PM

**To:** Skip Brandt <[Personal Matters/Ex. 6](#)>

**Subject:** Re: Interesting

**Personal Matters/Ex. 6**

Sent from my iPhone

On May 3, 2017, at 11:55 PM, Skip Brandt <[Personal Matters/Ex. 6](#)> wrote:

<http://www.ridenbaugh.com/index.php/2017/05/03/cowboys-vs-loggers/>

Skip Brandt

**Personal Matters/Ex. 6**

**TRUMP**  
**MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN!**

**From:** Barbery, Andrea  
**Location:** Breakfast Room (Palm Court @ Mayflower Hotel)  
**Importance:** Normal  
**Subject:** Side-Mtg: ECOS Planning Committee  
**Start Date/Time:** Fri 4/7/2017 12:00:00 PM  
**End Date/Time:** Fri 4/7/2017 12:45:00 PM

**Purpose:** During the Spring and Fall meetings, the ECOS Planning leaders convene for an in-person side-meeting.

State Participants:

- Pat Stevens (WI) – Planning Cmte Chair
- Bill Ehm (IA) – Planning Cmte Vice-Chair
- Gary Baughman (CO) – Partnership & Performance Workgroup Co-Chair
- Elaine Boyd (TN) -- Partnership & Performance Workgroup Co-Chair
- Clark Freise (NH) – for Wendy Waskin, State Grants Subgroup Co-Chair
- Beth Graves, ECOS
- Owen McAleer, ECOS

EPA Participants:

- Ken Wagner, AO
- Robin Richardson, OCIR
- Layne Bangerter, OCIR
- Mike Osinski, OCIR
- Kathy O'Brien, OCFO
- Andrea Barbery, OCFO

**To:** Neugeboren, Steven[Neugeboren.Steven@epa.gov]  
**Cc:** Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]; Dierker, Carl[Dierker.Carl@epa.gov]; Moraff, Kenneth[Moraff.Ken@epa.gov]; Schroer, Lee[schroer.lee@epa.gov]; Parikh, Pooja[Parikh.Pooja@epa.gov]; Nagle, Deborah[Nagle.Deborah@epa.gov]  
**From:** Hannon, Arnita  
**Sent:** Fri 4/7/2017 4:47:29 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Documents for you on Taunton

Thanks so very much Steve and Deborah!

Layne-I will pop over later on this.

Arnita

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 7, 2017, at 12:41 PM, Neugeboren, Steven <[Neugeboren.Steven@epa.gov](mailto:Neugeboren.Steven@epa.gov)> wrote:

Layne – per your request, attached are 3 documents for you: (1) a draft response letter to the Mayor expressing the position we have taken and that you discussed with Billy; (2) the page of bullets that Billy requested for his use in case he gets questions/followup; (3) a longer briefing paper – which you expressed an interest sharing with Billy for his deeper background. It is by and large what was used previously for our internal discussions.

I'm on leave next week, so if you or Anita have any questions or need any followup, please contact Deborah Nagle.

Steven Neugeboren

Associate General Counsel

Water Law Office

Environmental Protection Agency

202-564-5488

<Taunton Briefing Paper final draft to OCIR 4-7-17.docx>

<Taunton letter final draft to OCIR 4-7.docx>

<Taunton Bullets final draft to OCIR 4-7.docx>

**To:** Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]  
**From:** Ferris, Lena  
**Sent:** Mon 3/20/2017 5:46:10 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Prebrief in prep for 3/27 participation in the EPA Regional Agriculture Conference Call

Yes -- done.

-----Original Message-----

From: Bangerter, Layne  
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 12:26 PM  
To: Ferris, Lena <Ferris.Lena@epa.gov>  
Subject: Re: Prebrief in prep for 3/27 participation in the EPA Regional Agriculture Conference Call

Can we move this to 2 PM?

Sent from my iPhone

> On Mar 20, 2017, at 12:11 PM, Ferris, Lena <Ferris.Lena@epa.gov> wrote:  
>  
>  
> <meeting.ics>

**To:** Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]  
**From:** Cheatham-Strickland, Latonia  
**Sent:** Tue 3/14/2017 1:37:56 AM  
**Subject:** RE: Bob Naerbout Meeting

Okay! I put it on your Calendar.

Best Regards,

Latonia

-----Original Message-----

From: Bangerter, Layne  
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2017 9:33 PM  
To: Cheatham-Strickland, Latonia <Cheatham-Strickland.Latonia@epa.gov>  
Subject: Bob Naerbout Meeting

Can you put a meeting for me with Bob in on my calendar for Wednesday from 1130 to 1230?

Thank you  
Sent from my iPhone

**To:** Ferris, Lena[Ferris.Lena@epa.gov]; Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]  
**Cc:** Nitsch, Chad[Nitsch.Chad@epa.gov]  
**From:** Davis, Patrick  
**Sent:** Mon 3/27/2017 8:08:46 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Thanks your Participation Today

You are welcome. They really do know how this gets done.

**From:** Ferris, Lena  
**Sent:** Monday, March 27, 2017 3:57 PM  
**To:** Bangerter, Layne <bangerter.layne@epa.gov>; Davis, Patrick <davis.patrick@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Nitsch, Chad <Nitsch.Chad@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Thanks your Participation Today

The Regions really are the front line of all our collaboration efforts so your message was right on point.

Thanks again.

Lena Ferris

Special Assistant to the Agricultural Counselor

Office of the Administrator

**To:** Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]  
**From:** Brent Fewell  
**Sent:** Thur 4/6/2017 1:45:59 PM  
**Subject:** Coffee?  
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Hi Layne,

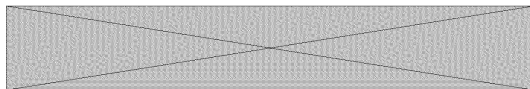
Got time for a coffee?

Brent

Brent Fewell | **Earth & Water Group**

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**To:** Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]  
**From:** Ferris, Lena  
**Sent:** Tue 4/18/2017 5:38:01 PM  
**Subject:** FW: Outreach to Ag Groups Regarding Regulatory Reform EO

Nice to see Byron thinking the same thing you and I already were.

I talked to Samantha's special assistant – she recommends you send a note to Samantha and Brittany Bolen requesting a briefing on EPA's Implementation of the Reg Reform EO.

You can cut and past the request I have written below for you - into a new email to Samantha and Brittany and cc me (Lena Ferris).

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Samantha and Brittany:

I have been fielding quite a few questions from intergovernmental groups and from the agricultural community regarding EPA's implementation of the Regulatory Reform EO.

It would be helpful for me to get a better understanding of how EPA is managing this process.

I would like to request a briefing from you or your staff in OP to help get me up to speed and better informed on EPA's efforts.

Could you please have OP set aside an hour for a briefing for me and include in the meeting invite, Lena Ferris who is the Special Assistant in the AO to the Ag Advisor.

Thanks

Layne

**From:** Brown, Byron  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 18, 2017 12:17 PM  
**To:** Ferris, Lena <Ferris.Lena@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Outreach to Ag Groups Regarding Regulatory Reform EO

OP is leading the effort and could tell more about how EPA is reaching out to the ag community. Samantha Dravis is the AA and Brittany Bolen is the Deputy in OP.

**From:** Ferris, Lena  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 18, 2017 11:21 AM  
**To:** Brown, Byron <[brown.byron@epa.gov](mailto:brown.byron@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Outreach to Ag Groups Regarding Regulatory Reform EO

Byron –

Do you know who from AO (if anyone) is coordinating/reaching out to the Ag community for comments on the Regulatory Reform EO?

This would normally be in the wheelhouse of the Ag Counselor to the Administrator, but given we don't have one I am not sure which political should be/is leading this effort.

The Regions would like some input/direction about how HQ's is reaching out so they can manage from their Regional office's as well.

I manage the weekly Agency Ag Conference Calls with all the program offices and Regions and would like to be able to give some information.

Any advice for me would be helpful.

Thanks

Lena Ferris

Special Assistant to the Agricultural Counselor to the Administrator

**To:** Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]; Nagle, Deborah[Nagle.Deborah@epa.gov]  
**From:** Hannon, Arnita  
**Sent:** Tue 4/11/2017 6:19:54 PM  
**Subject:** Update: HOLD ON - Might be a 4:30 - 4:40 Slot for Today with Ryan! Re: Taunton

Sharnett will signal me but might be 4:30 -slot with Ryan so we can jump on that. Stay tuned and thanks for your patience!

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M. Arnita Hannon

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hannon.arnita@epa.gov

**From:** Cheatham-Strickland, Latonia  
**Location:** DCRoomARN3428/OCIR  
**Importance:** Normal  
**Subject:** Daily Check-In  
**Start Date/Time:** Wed 4/5/2017 6:30:00 PM  
**End Date/Time:** Wed 4/5/2017 7:00:00 PM

**Non-responsive Conference Code/Ex.6**

**Cc:** Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]; Cheatham-Strickland, Latonia[Cheatham-Strickland.Latonia@epa.gov]  
**From:** DC-WJCN-3443-M@epa.gov  
**Sent:** Tue 3/21/2017 5:51:14 PM  
[image2017-03-21-135114.pdf](#)

**To:** AO-OCIR Everyone[AOOCIR\_Everyone@epa.gov]  
**From:** Scales, Wuanisha  
**Sent:** Wed 3/29/2017 1:47:13 PM  
**Subject:** People Plus entries are due TODAY!! (nfm)

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**To:** Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]  
**From:** Hannon, Arnita  
**Sent:** Thur 5/4/2017 6:53:07 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Resilient Water Management: Strengthening Communities and Growing Economies

Okey dokey☺!

M. Arnita Hannon

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**From:** Bangerter, Layne  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 04, 2017 2:45 PM  
**To:** Hannon, Arnita <Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Resilient Water Management: Strengthening Communities and Growing Economies

OOpps, wrong recipient.

**From:** Hannon, Arnita  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 4, 2017 2:44 PM  
**To:** Bangerter, Layne <bangerter.layne@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Resilient Water Management: Strengthening Communities and Growing

Economies

Oops this is not until next Tuesday. Or where you heading over to the Senate side for something else today? Whew – sooo much going on☺!

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[hannon.arnita@epa.gov](mailto:hannon.arnita@epa.gov)

**From:** Bangerter, Layne

**Sent:** Thursday, May 04, 2017 2:42 PM

**To:** Hannon, Arnita <[Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov](mailto:Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: Resilient Water Management: Strengthening Communities and Growing Economies

I am going to head there right now

**From:** Hannon, Arnita

**Sent:** Thursday, May 4, 2017 2:38 PM

**To:** Bangerter, Layne <[bangerter.layne@epa.gov](mailto:bangerter.layne@epa.gov)>

**Cc:** Bowles, Jack <[Bowles.Jack@epa.gov](mailto:Bowles.Jack@epa.gov)>; Matthews, Demond  
<[matthews.demond@epa.gov](mailto:matthews.demond@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: Resilient Water Management: Strengthening Communities and Growing Economies

Great! We'll register you and update you on when we can go over. Will put it on our calendar toooo!

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**From:** Bangerter, Layne

**Sent:** Thursday, May 04, 2017 2:21 PM

**To:** Hannon, Arnita <[Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov](mailto:Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov)>

**Cc:** Bowles, Jack <[Bowles.Jack@epa.gov](mailto:Bowles.Jack@epa.gov)>; Matthews, Demond  
<[matthews.demond@epa.gov](mailto:matthews.demond@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: Resilient Water Management: Strengthening Communities and Growing Economies

OK. I will talk to Demond.

**From:** Hannon, Arnita  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 4, 2017 2:19 PM  
**To:** Bangerter, Layne <[bangerter.layne@epa.gov](mailto:bangerter.layne@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Bowles, Jack <[Bowles.Jack@epa.gov](mailto:Bowles.Jack@epa.gov)>; Matthews, Demond <[matthews.demond@epa.gov](mailto:matthews.demond@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** FW: Resilient Water Management: Strengthening Communities and Growing Economies

Hi Layne!

FYI - I checked in with Carolyn and she said all fine if you and Demond and I want to register to attend this – for however much time we have to observe. No charges for the session so just sharing in case you wanted to register and we'll take you over for however much time you might have to take this in. Usually excellent panelists and on the Senate side so not far to travel.

A

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Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process

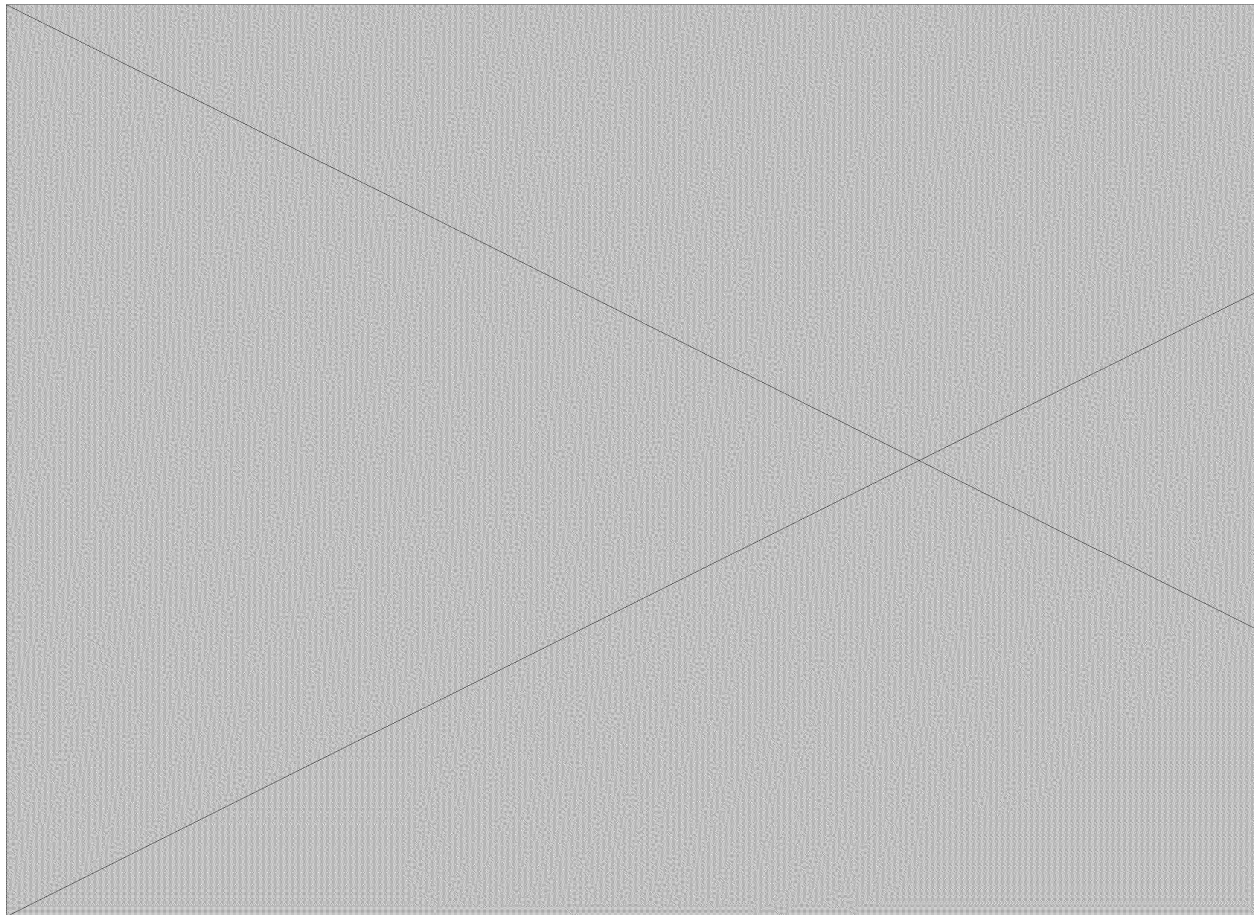
202.501.1545 (Fax)

[hannon.arnita@epa.gov](mailto:hannon.arnita@epa.gov)

**From:** Carolyn Berndt [<mailto:Berndt@nlc.org>]

**Sent:** Thursday, May 04, 2017 2:07 PM

**Subject:** Resilient Water Management: Strengthening Communities and Growing Economies



**Resilient Water Management:  
Strengthening Communities & Growing Economies**

*An Infrastructure Week Event*

Tuesday, May 16, 2017 | 2:00-3:30 p.m.

216 Hart Senate Office Building | Washington, DC

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Today, cities across the nation are grappling with significant water challenges from aging infrastructure and poor water quality, to water scarcity or flooding. Not only do these challenges impact public health and quality of life, but they also threaten business growth. Added pressures from a changing climate only exacerbates these challenges, leaving communities more vulnerable to extreme storms, flooding and drought. At the same time, a growing number of companies recognize that water security is a core business input that cannot be taken for granted and are stepping up as valuable partners in protecting and restoring the watersheds vital to their success.

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**To:** Ferguson, Lincoln[ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov]; Eisenberg, Mindy[Eisenberg.Mindy@epa.gov]  
**Cc:** Hanson, Andrew[Hanson.Andrew@epa.gov]; Goodin, John[Goodin.John@epa.gov]; Bowles, Jack[Bowles.Jack@epa.gov]; Downing, Donna[Downing.Donna@epa.gov]; Christensen, Damaris[Christensen.Damaris@epa.gov]; Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]; Ruf, Christine[Ruf.Christine@epa.gov]  
**From:** Hope, Brian  
**Sent:** Fri 4/7/2017 4:47:25 PM  
**Subject:** Re: WOTUS letter - signature process  
WOTUS Sig ready.4.7.17.pdf

Just printed on letterhead and will be packaged in red folder momentarily. Attached is a scan of the final product using the Administrator's formatting preferences, signature block, etc. No substantive edits - took out "you" from the first line, and the rest is commas, replacing unseparated quotes and apostrophes, standardizing sentence spacing, etc.

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**From:** Ferguson, Lincoln  
**Sent:** Friday, April 7, 2017 12:35 PM  
**To:** Eisenberg, Mindy  
**Cc:** Hanson, Andrew; Goodin, John; Bowles, Jack; Downing, Donna; Christensen, Damaris; Bangerter, Layne; Ruf, Christine; Hope, Brian  
**Subject:** Re: WOTUS letter - signature process

Great - let me know when it is ready for him to sign

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 7, 2017, at 12:25 PM, Eisenberg, Mindy <[Eisenberg.Mindy@epa.gov](mailto:Eisenberg.Mindy@epa.gov)> wrote:

I formatted the letter to accommodate Agency letter head and put it in Times Roman 12 font which is standard for all correspondence, so there is more text that carries onto the second page so it doesn't look cut off.

Mindy Eisenberg

Acting Director, Wetlands Division

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[eisenberg.mindy@epa.gov](mailto:eisenberg.mindy@epa.gov)

**From:** Ferguson, Lincoln

**Sent:** Friday, April 07, 2017 12:22 PM

**To:** Hanson, Andrew <[Hanson.Andrew@epa.gov](mailto:Hanson.Andrew@epa.gov)>; Goodin, John <[Goodin.John@epa.gov](mailto:Goodin.John@epa.gov)>

**Cc:** Bowles, Jack <[Bowles.Jack@epa.gov](mailto:Bowles.Jack@epa.gov)>; Eisenberg, Mindy <[Eisenberg.Mindy@epa.gov](mailto:Eisenberg.Mindy@epa.gov)>; Downing, Donna <[Downing.Donna@epa.gov](mailto:Downing.Donna@epa.gov)>; Christensen, Damaris <[Christensen.Damaris@epa.gov](mailto:Christensen.Damaris@epa.gov)>; Bangerter, Layne <[bangerter.layne@epa.gov](mailto:bangerter.layne@epa.gov)>; Ruf, Christine <[Ruf.Christine@epa.gov](mailto:Ruf.Christine@epa.gov)>; Hope, Brian <[Hope.Brian@epa.gov](mailto:Hope.Brian@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: WOTUS letter - signature process

This version has been approved by the Administrator but needs to be condensed to all fit on one page. Can somebody assist in doing that?

Once that is done we can have it ready for him to sign.

**From:** Hanson, Andrew

**Sent:** Thursday, April 6, 2017 10:08 PM

**To:** Goodin, John <[Goodin.John@epa.gov](mailto:Goodin.John@epa.gov)>

**Cc:** Bowles, Jack <[Bowles.Jack@epa.gov](mailto:Bowles.Jack@epa.gov)>; Eisenberg, Mindy <[Eisenberg.Mindy@epa.gov](mailto:Eisenberg.Mindy@epa.gov)>; Downing, Donna <[Downing.Donna@epa.gov](mailto:Downing.Donna@epa.gov)>; Christensen, Damaris <[Christensen.Damaris@epa.gov](mailto:Christensen.Damaris@epa.gov)>; Bangerter, Layne <[bangerter.layne@epa.gov](mailto:bangerter.layne@epa.gov)>; Ruf, Christine <[Ruf.Christine@epa.gov](mailto:Ruf.Christine@epa.gov)>; Hope, Brian <[Hope.Brian@epa.gov](mailto:Hope.Brian@epa.gov)>; Ferguson, Lincoln <[ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov](mailto:ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: WOTUS letter - signature process

Hi John,

Please keep in mind that the scanned digital version we (OCIR) send to our

targeted Big 10 reps -- attached to an electronic scheduler -- will be the primary (most effective and expedient) means of ensuring the invitation letter gets to the right intergov association participants, incl. the water association reps. The greeting should be "Dear Intergovernmental Association Colleague".

The signed/mailed hard copy letters referred to below will be, as a practical matter, a superfluous part of the actual notification process.

EOn Apr 6, 2017, at 5:41 PM, Goodin, John <[Goodin.John@epa.gov](mailto:Goodin.John@epa.gov)> wrote:

Folks—below is where the process stands for sending out the Federalism invite letter tomorrow.

Jack—Brian Hope indicated he'd circulate the pdf since you'll want to send digitally as well. He also mentioned that Lincoln said the Administrator may have thoughts on the recipient list (now dropped from the letter itself).

Andrew and Damaris are taking a first cut at drafting presentation materials for the 19<sup>th</sup>, including how to characterize the Federalism opportunity in light of the two-step process.

Thanks

John

**From:** Knapp, Kristien

**Sent:** Thursday, April 06, 2017 5:28 PM

**To:** Hope, Brian <[Hope.Brian@epa.gov](mailto:Hope.Brian@epa.gov)>; Gaines, Cynthia <[Gaines.Cynthia@epa.gov](mailto:Gaines.Cynthia@epa.gov)>; Threet, Derek <[Threet.Derek@epa.gov](mailto:Threet.Derek@epa.gov)>; Burden, Susan <[Burden.Susan@epa.gov](mailto:Burden.Susan@epa.gov)>; Goodin, John <[Goodin.John@epa.gov](mailto:Goodin.John@epa.gov)>; Ferguson, Lincoln <[ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov](mailto:ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov)>; Ruf, Christine <[Ruf.Christine@epa.gov](mailto:Ruf.Christine@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** WOTUS letter - signature process

Because we all have a part to play and this is urgent, I am setting out the plan we've all just talked about for getting the WOTUS letter signed tomorrow morning.

## **Deliberative Process Privilege/Ex. 5**

Lincoln, please keep us all posted on your end, especially if you have timing needs so that we can help you meet them. Susan Burden will be your main point of contact in the Administrator's Office tomorrow. She will make sure this gets signed and follows all the necessary process points.

Please flag any missing points or questions.

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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

April 7, 2017

THE ADMINISTRATOR

Dear Intergovernmental Association Colleague:

I am writing to solicit your input and wisdom on a forthcoming proposal to rescind and revise the definition of waters of the United States (Clean Water Rule: Definition of "Waters of the United States"; Final Rule, 80 Fed. Reg. 37,054 (June 29, 2015)).

This action follows the February 28, 2017, Presidential Executive Order on "Restoring the Rule of Law, Federalism, and Economic Growth by Reviewing the 'Waters of the United States' Rule." The order states that it is in the national interest to ensure that the nation's navigable waters are kept free from pollution, while at the same time promoting economic growth, minimizing regulatory uncertainty and showing due regard for the roles of Congress and the States under the Constitution. It also directs the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of the Army to review the existing Clean Water Rule for consistency with these priorities and publish for notice and comment a proposed rule rescinding or revising the rule, as appropriate and consistent with the law. Further, the order directs the agencies to consider interpreting the term "navigable waters," as defined in 33 U.S.C. 1362(7), in a manner consistent with the opinion of Justice Antonin Scalia in *Rapanos v. United States*, 547 U.S. 715 (2006).

Consulting with state and local government officials, or their representative national organizations, is a priority to both myself and President Trump. We believe this is an important step in the process prior to proposing regulations that may have implications on federalism as defined by the EPA's policy for implementing the order.

We greatly look forward to the opportunity to sit at the table with our state and local partners from across the country to discuss the rule and develop an approach to address this significant issue while keeping the States at the forefront of our mission.

The agencies intend to follow an expeditious, two-step process that will provide certainty across the country: 1) an initial rulemaking to rescind the 2015 rule and reinstate the regulatory approach that, except for a brief two-month period prior to the 6th Circuit stay of that rule, has been the law in place since 1986, and thus maintains the status quo, and 2) promulgation of a revised definition of waters of the U.S. consistent with direction in the February 28, 2017, E.O. At the upcoming meeting, the EPA will provide brief background information on our process, and you will have the opportunity to provide input, particularly with regard to the charge in the E.O. You and your organizations' members are vital to this process and may also provide written comments after the meeting. I am hopeful you will be able to attend this important discussion and look forward to hearing your thoughts.

The meeting will be on April 19, 2017, from 2:00 – 4:00 pm EST in Room 3233 of the William Jefferson Clinton East Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W., Washington, DC 20460. The entrance to the Clinton East (formerly EPA East) building is near the intersection of 12<sup>th</sup> and Constitution.

Please let us know if you will be able to attend by contacting Andrew Hanson in the EPA's Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations at [hanson.andrew@epa.gov](mailto:hanson.andrew@epa.gov) or (202) 564-3664. If you have questions regarding the rule, you may contact Donna Downing of the Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds at [downing.donna@epa.gov](mailto:downing.donna@epa.gov) or (202) 566-1367.

Respectfully yours,

E. Scott Pruitt

cc: Douglas Lamont, Senior Official  
Performing the Duties of the Assistant  
Secretary of the Army for Civil Works

**From:** Ferris, Lena  
**Location:** Layne's office -- Will dial Patrick Davis into the meeting since he is off site  
**Importance:** Normal  
**Subject:** Prebrief in prep for 3/27 participation in the EPA Regional Agriculture Conference Call  
**Start Date/Time:** Wed 3/22/2017 6:00:00 PM  
**End Date/Time:** Wed 3/22/2017 6:30:00 PM

**To:** Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]  
**From:** Hannon, Arnita  
**Sent:** Thur 3/30/2017 9:17:00 PM  
**Subject:** Steve Neugeboren's Contact Info

Hi Layne –

Just making sure that you have Steve's name recorded correctly. He will join you on the call to Billy Kirkland at WHIG – hopefully I can arrange that for Monday. I just need to find a working number for Billy, but I am also going to try e-mailing him to see what time might work best for you and Steve to call him on Monday. I might have you and Steve just chat a minute before the call or have Steve send a few notes over for the 2 of you to follow during the call if that would be helpful.

OMG hope you are getting on out to the airport. Mayor Perrin had to fly back to Jonesboro earlier today but his team came over and they are doing great Brownfields work in Jonesboro, AR and they have a great working relationship with Mary and Karen and Denise in Region VI so this was a positive yaaay☺!

Ok, here's contact info for Steve and see you tomorrow and thanks for the efforts on Taunton!

Steven Neugeboren

Associate General Counsel

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**To:** Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]  
**From:** Wheeler, Susan (Crapo)  
**Sent:** Tue 3/14/2017 8:55:16 PM  
**Subject:** RE: FW: Caldwell Canyon - Request for Assistance

Can I send a thank you email to Doug?

**From:** Bangerter, Layne [mailto:bangerter.layne@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 14, 2017 3:26 PM  
**To:** Wheeler, Susan (Crapo) <Susan\_Wheeler@crapo.senate.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: FW: Caldwell Canyon - Request for Assistance

This indicates it will move forward this week. Please let Monsanto know...

**From:** Domenech, Douglas [mailto:douglas\_domenech@ios.doi.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 13, 2017 1:16 PM  
**To:** Bangerter, Layne <bangerter.layne@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Doug Domenech@ios.doi.gov  
**Subject:** Re: FW: Caldwell Canyon - Request for Assistance

Layne the decision package is still in BLM's reg shop. We expect it to move to the Secretary's office later this week for clearance.

Doug Domenech

Senior Advisor

US Department of the Interior

On Mon, Mar 13, 2017 at 11:12 AM, Bangerter, Layne <bangerter.layne@epa.gov> wrote:

Doug:

In short; Senator Crapo's COS asked me to reach-out to anyone at Interior to see if the NOI for Caldwell Canyon Phosphate Mine (SE Idaho) has been published in the Federal Register. How should I reply?

Thanks!

Layne Bangerter

**From:** Wheeler, Susan (Crapo) [mailto:[Susan\\_Wheeler@crapo.senate.gov](mailto:Susan_Wheeler@crapo.senate.gov)]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 12, 2017 6:38 PM  
**To:** Bangerter, Layne <[bangerter.layne@epa.gov](mailto:bangerter.layne@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Caldwell Canyon - Request for Assistance

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "HOLLAND, MIKE [AG/1920]" <[mike.holland@monsanto.com](mailto:mike.holland@monsanto.com)>  
**Date:** March 8, 2017 at 2:12:35 PM EST  
**To:** "Wheeler, Susan (Crapo)" <[Susan\\_Wheeler@crapo.senate.gov](mailto:Susan_Wheeler@crapo.senate.gov)>, "[andrew\\_earl@crapo.senate.gov](mailto:andrew_earl@crapo.senate.gov)" <[andrew\\_earl@crapo.senate.gov](mailto:andrew_earl@crapo.senate.gov)>  
**Subject:** Caldwell Canyon - Request for Assistance

Good afternoon, Susan and Andrew.

I hope all is well. On February 15, the Senator and I had the occasion to visit about the status of our effort to permit our Caldwell Canyon mine. I mentioned we were still waiting to see the Notice of Intent (NOI) published in the Federal Register and asked if he would be willing to place a call to Secretary Zinke. It is important that the NOI be published soon so that the NEPA scoping process for Caldwell Canyon can proceed.

For the past several weeks, we have been trying to move it forward to publication but to no avail. My understanding is that there are no substantive concerns or objections but that it is in the process somewhere but we cannot get an ETA from DOI as to when it will be published.

By way of background, the NOI was signed by former BLM Director Neil Kornze on January 18, 2017 and that the DOI Executive Secretariat received a briefing on the project on Friday, February 10, 2017, which we have heard went well. I answered a question posed by DOI on Friday, March 4 on that date.

Accordingly, we would greatly appreciate it if the Senator would call Secretary Zinke to ask him to move the NOI forward to publication in the Federal Register as soon as possible and to secure a commitment as to when it might appear in the FR.

As you may recall, Caldwell Canyon will create 100 new permanent jobs and continue to provide support for 705 direct jobs in Idaho and will ensure the continued supply of glyphosate (Roundup) to American farmers. Moreover, Caldwell Canyon has estimated reserves in excess of 35 years and directly supports hundreds of additional direct jobs at our production sites in Luling, LA and Muscatine, IA.

We greatly appreciate your willingness to determine the status of the NOI and specifically if there are any concerns and if not, when it will appear in the FR.

For your reference, I have attached a pdf of the economic impact of our current mining operations ID and a one-pager on Caldwell Canyon.

Please call me if you have any questions. Thank you.

Best,

Mike

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**To:** Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]  
**From:** Hanson, Andrew  
**Sent:** Mon 4/17/2017 3:35:29 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Gravitas

Just now picked this up.....  
Cataclysmic regret....  
Can only hope for a do-over....

On Apr 16, 2017, at 7:44 PM, Bangerter, Layne <[bangerter.layne@epa.gov](mailto:bangerter.layne@epa.gov)> wrote:

We are on top of my apartment eating smoked goose and Ritz crackers and cream cheese  
come on over here

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 16, 2017, at 3:35 PM, Hanson, Andrew <[Hanson.Andrew@epa.gov](mailto:Hanson.Andrew@epa.gov)> wrote:

Confidentially, we'd have had you guys over this weekend were my spouse not  
stressing about the forthcoming fortnight. (Bachelor billiards would've worked great  
last weekend when she was traveling). Anyway, we'll get it figured out.

Happy Easter to B.B. too.

On Apr 16, 2017, at 9:38 AM, Bangerter, Layne <[bangerter.layne@epa.gov](mailto:bangerter.layne@epa.gov)> wrote:

I again appreciate this message and you this glorious Easter Morning!

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 14, 2017, at 8:19 PM, Hanson, Andrew <[Hanson.Andrew@epa.gov](mailto:Hanson.Andrew@epa.gov)>  
wrote:

Who is the senior Pres Personnel lead for USDA? (Senate-confirmed posts)

On Apr 14, 2017, at 6:30 PM, Bangerter, Layne <[bangerter.layne@epa.gov](mailto:bangerter.layne@epa.gov)>  
wrote:

Awesome and keep The Intel and information and messaging flowing. I  
greatly appreciate it.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 14, 2017, at 9:13 AM, Hanson, Andrew  
<[Hanson.Andrew@epa.gov](mailto:Hanson.Andrew@epa.gov)> wrote:

L –

The VM I left you yesterday isn't necessarily bad news. You just need to know it's a possibility, and it'd be helpful if we could ascertain the extent of the group's support.

The key word for you in this effort is *gravitas*, which you have, and the other person may not.

# gravitas

## Definition of *gravitas*

1. : high seriousness (as in a person's bearing or in the treatment of a subject) ***had the gravitas of a deep thinker***

## Examples of *gravitas* in a sentence

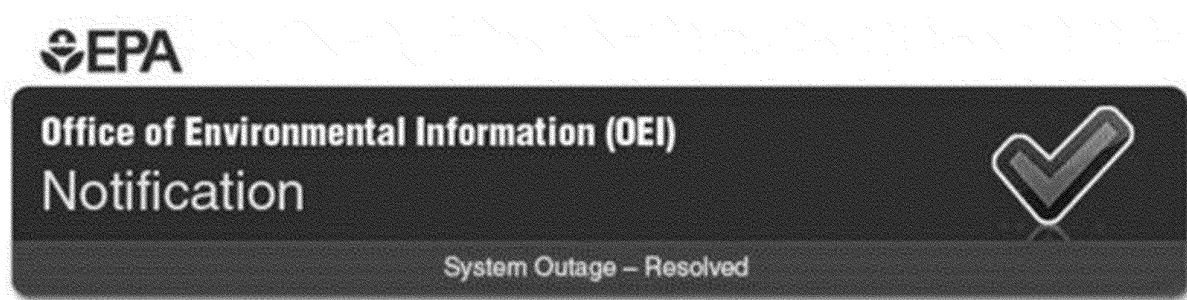
1. **The new leader has an air of gravitas that commands respect.**
2. a comic actress who lacks the gravitas for dramatic roles
3. The new leader has a certain gravitas.

## Did You Know?

This word comes to us straight from Latin. Among the Romans, gravitas was thought to be essential to the character and functions of any adult (male) in authority. Even

the head of a household or a low-level official would strive for this important quality. We use *gravitas* today to identify the same solemn dignity in men and women, but it seems to come easier in those who are over 60, slow-moving--and a bit overweight.

**To:** EPA-DynamicMassMailer[EPA-DynamicMassMailer@epa.gov]  
**From:** OEI-MassMailer-Mailbox  
**Sent:** Fri 4/7/2017 4:44:24 PM  
**Subject:** System Outage Resolved: OneDrive and/or SharePoint Web Applications



The issue with OneDrive and/or SharePoint web applications has been resolved. If you continue to experience problems, please contact your [Local Help Desk](#). We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

To see a list of planned and unplanned system outages, visit the [Maintenance and Status Calendar](#) page.

**To:** AO-OCIR Managers[AOOCIR\_Managers@epa.gov]  
**From:** Gardner, Monee  
**Sent:** Mon 4/10/2017 5:57:11 PM

for Summer Interns!!!

**Citizen Name/Ex. 6**

Hello Managers,

Attached are **29 resumes** of interns who are interested in all areas of OCIR. If you are in need of a Summer intern on your staff and one or more of the applicants fits your criteria please notify me no later than **COB on Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>**, so that I can get the process started for them to come on board. If you have any questions, please let me know. Thank you.

*Monée Gardner, Management Analyst*

*U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, HDQTRS*

*Office of Administrator*

*Office of Congressional & Intergovernmental Relations*

*Resources Management & Operations Division*

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*[gardner.monee@epa.gov](mailto:gardner.monee@epa.gov)*

**To:** Ferris, Lena[Ferris.Lena@epa.gov]  
**Cc:** Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]; Nitsch, Chad[Nitsch.Chad@epa.gov]  
**From:** Davis, Patrick  
**Sent:** Fri 3/24/2017 5:59:33 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Monday 3:00 Conference Call with EPA Regional Agriculture Contacts - Talking Points

I will be coming from an OLEM meeting at 2:30 in the west building. I may arrive late.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 24, 2017, at 1:57 PM, Ferris, Lena <[Ferris.Lena@epa.gov](mailto:Ferris.Lena@epa.gov)> wrote:

Layne and Patrick --

Here are talking points for both of you. After you give opening remarks and add whatever else you feel is relevant we will open it up for questions and then wrap up. It's only 30 minutes.

Please let me know if you want any changes to the talking points.

Lena Ferris

Special Assistant to the Agriculture Counselor

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**To:** Hupp, Millan[hupp.millan@epa.gov]  
**Cc:** Hale, Michelle[hale.michelle@epa.gov]; Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]; Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]; Weese, Eric[Weese.Eric@epa.gov]  
**From:** Hannon, Arnita  
**Sent:** Tue 3/14/2017 12:33:55 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Tomorrow's NLC Appearance

Great and our pleasure!

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 13, 2017, at 8:27 PM, Hupp, Millan <[hupp.millan@epa.gov](mailto:hupp.millan@epa.gov)> wrote:

Perfect. Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 13, 2017, at 8:23 PM, Hannon, Arnita <[Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov](mailto:Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov)> wrote:

It's ok. Yes the first event-meet and greet-starts at 12:30. Luncheon appearance approximately 12:50. Layne has morning meetings so no worries at all as he will head to the hotel closer to the M&G start time. Thank you again and all set!

Arnita

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 13, 2017, at 8:16 PM, Hupp, Millan <[hupp.millan@epa.gov](mailto:hupp.millan@epa.gov)> wrote:

My apologies. I was thinking of the first engagement so 8AM for NLC is incorrect.

Layne will likely have to meet us at the Marriott for that one.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 13, 2017, at 8:05 PM, Hannon, Arnita <[Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov](mailto:Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov)> wrote:

My pleasure and so nice to finally meet in person! And thank YOU too! Ok we have Layne looped here so that way we can see If this will work for him.

Thank you!

Arnita

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 13, 2017, at 7:54 PM, Hupp, Millan <[hupp.millan@epa.gov](mailto:hupp.millan@epa.gov)> wrote:

Arnita,

Thank you for everything today.

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**Personal Security Detail/Ex. 6/Ex. 7C/Ex. 7E/Ex. 7F**

Millan

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 13, 2017, at 3:20 PM, Hannon, Arnita  
<[Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov](mailto:Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hi Michelle –

Our DAA for Intergovernmental Relations, Layne Bangerter is happy to ride with Administrator Pruitt tomorrow over to the hotel for the Meet & Greet and Luncheon appearance if that is ok.

Might you please let us know what time we should have Layne come around to meet the Administrator and those traveling with him?

Thank you so much!

Arnita

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**To:** Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]; Davis, Patrick[davis.patrick@epa.gov]  
**Cc:** Nitsch, Chad[Nitsch.Chad@epa.gov]  
**From:** Ferris, Lena  
**Sent:** Mon 3/27/2017 7:56:47 PM  
**Subject:** Thanks your Participation Today

The Regions really are the front line of all our collaboration efforts so your message was right on point.

Thanks again.

Lena Ferris

Special Assistant to the Agricultural Counselor

Office of the Administrator

**To:** Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]  
**From:** Ferris, Lena  
**Sent:** Wed 5/3/2017 4:16:22 PM  
**Subject:** RE: June Farm Bureau Meeting

Go it. Already have shared your willingness to attend and speak. Will let you know how they want to proceed.

Lena

**From:** Bangerter, Layne  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 03, 2017 10:39 AM  
**To:** Ferris, Lena <Ferris.Lena@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: June Farm Bureau Meeting

You might let them know also I am willing to do this assignment for the administrator.

Sent from my iPhone

On May 3, 2017, at 9:29 AM, Ferris, Lena <[Ferris.Lena@epa.gov](mailto:Ferris.Lena@epa.gov)> wrote:

I sent this email to Russ Hendricks and have a phone call into him as well.

Lena

**From:** Ferris, Lena  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 02, 2017 8:37 AM  
**To:** '[rhendricks@idahofb.org](mailto:rhendricks@idahofb.org)' <[rhendricks@idahofb.org](mailto:rhendricks@idahofb.org)>  
**Subject:** June Farm Bureau Meeting

Russ – Layne Bangerter asked me to help coordinate with you all regarding your June Farm bureau Meeting. From your exchange with Layne it looks as though you would like to try and secure Administrator Pruitt as a guest speaker for your June meeting.

Let's proceed in the following way to try and make that happen:

- 1) I need for you to send an electronic invitation directly to Administrator Pruitt via his scheduler Sydney Hupp and cc me on the invite.
- 2) The invitation needs to include language that indicates that if Administrator Pruitt is unavailable your organization would like for another senior political official to come and represent EPA at the meeting. That way we can be sure to make sure if Administrator Pruitt cannot attend that one of his political appointees participates.
- 3) Once I see that Sydney has the email invite to Administrator Pruitt from you I can follow up directly and see what Administrator Pruitt's schedule is like for that time period. If he is unavailable we can then work on securing the next highest level political at EPA for your conference.

Below is Sydney's email address and mine as well.

[Hupp.sydney@epa.gov](mailto:Hupp.sydney@epa.gov)

[Ferris.lena@epa.gov](mailto:Ferris.lena@epa.gov)

Please call contact me if you have any questions.

Lena Ferris

Special Assistant to the Agricultural Counselor to the Administrator

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**To:** Message from the Chief of Staff[messagefromthechiefstaff@epa.gov]  
**From:** Message from the Chief of Staff  
**Sent:** Thur 10/5/2017 5:24:21 PM  
**Subject:** Welcoming Doug Benevento as the Regional Administrator for Region 8



Colleagues,

I am happy to report that today the Administrator will be announcing the appointment of Doug Benevento to become regional administrator for Region 8. Please join me in welcoming Doug who will be joining EPA on Oct. 16.

Doug has spent much of his career working to help protect the environment. As executive director for the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, he managed the state's environmental and public health programs. He previously served as the Department's director of environmental programs, where he managed the state's air, water, waste, and consumer protection programs. Since 2010, Mr. Benevento has been working on energy and environmental issues in the private sector at Xcel Energy.

I want to thank Deb Thomas for serving as the acting regional administrator during the transition. Deb will return to her permanent position as Region 8 principal deputy regional administrator.

Ryan Jackson

Chief of Staff

**To:** Layne Bangerter[Bangerter.Layne@epamail.epa.gov]  
**From:** US EPA Domino Webhosting Authority  
**Sent:** Wed 4/5/2017 5:21:18 AM  
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4. Home Address (Number, Street, City, State, ZIP Code)			5. Home Telephone (including Area Code)  <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px;"></div>		6. Position Level (Mark (X) only one) <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> a. Non-supervisory  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b. Supervisory         </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> c. Manager  <input type="checkbox"/> d. Executive         </div> </div>	
7. Organization Mailing Address (Branch-Division/Office/Bureau/Agency) <b>1200 Penn. Ave NW WJC-N 3442 H Washington dc 20460</b>			8. Office Telephone (include Area Code and Extension) <b>(202) 564-0000</b>		9. Work Email Address <b>Bangerter.Layne@epamail.epa.gov</b>	
10. Position Title <b>Deputy Associate Administrator</b>		11. Does applicant need special accommodation? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If yes, please describe below.				
<b>Personal Matters/Ex. 6</b>						
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1b. AreaCode / Telephone Number (202) 564-3358	1c. Email Address Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov
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2a. Second-Line Supervisor - Name and title KevinJ Bailey/DC/USEPA/US	
2b. AreaCode / Telephone Number (202) 564-7176	2c. Email Address Bailey.KevinJ@epa.gov
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<b>TRAINING FACILITY -- Bills should be sent to the office indicated in item C6. Please refer to the number given in item C4 to assure prompt payment.</b>	



## EMPLOYEE'S AGREEMENT TO CONTINUE IN SERVICE

Note: This agreement must be signed by the nominee for Government training that exceeds 80 hours (or such other designated period, less than 80 hours as prescribed by the agency) for which the Government approves payment of training costs prior to the commencement of such training. Nothing contained in this agreement below shall be construed as limiting the authority of an agency to waive, in whole or in part, an obligation of an employee to pay expenses incurred by the Government in connection with the training.

(FOR CALCULATION OF THE CSA EXPIRATION DATE, PLEASE VISIT <http://intranet.epa.gov/hrtrain>)

1. **I AGREE** that, upon completion of the Government-sponsored training during which I received a salary described in the SF-182 training request, I will serve in the agency the number of hours as required by EPA Policy. *Service begins the first day after the completion of the training course*

Note: For the purposes of this agreement, the term "agency" refers to the employing organization (Environmental Protection Agency), not to a segment of such an organization. Sign \_\_\_\_\_

2. If I voluntarily leave the agency before completing the period of service agreed to in item 1 above; **or** do not complete the training; **or** do not receive a passing grade for this development activity, **I AGREE** to reimburse the agency for the tuition and related fees, travel and other special expenses (excluding salary) paid in connection with my training. These amounts are reflected in Section C: Cost and Billing Information, 1a through c and 2b, on the SF182 form. I will also provide a copy of my official final grade/transcript to my supervisor of record within 30 days of the completion of the course.

Sign \_\_\_\_\_

3. **I FURTHER AGREE** that, if I voluntarily leave the agency to enter the service of another Federal Department, agency, or other organization in any branch of the Government before completing the period of service agreed to in item 1 above, I will give my organization written notice at least ten working days, during which time a determination concerning reimbursement will be made by EPA. If I fail to give this advance notice, I AGREE to pay the amount of additional expenses according to 5 U.S.C. 4109 (a)(2) incurred by the Government for this training. Sign \_\_\_\_\_

4. I understand that any amounts which may be due the agency as a result of any failure on my part to meet the terms of this agreement may be withheld from any monies owed me by the Government, or may be recovered by such other methods as are approved by law. Sign \_\_\_\_\_

**I FURTHER AGREE** to obtain approval from my organization's Training Officer and any person(s) responsible for authorizing non-government training requests of any proposed change in my approved training program involving course and schedule changes, withdrawals or course incompleteness, and increased costs. Sign \_\_\_\_\_

I acknowledge that this agreement does not in any way commit the Government to continue my employment. I understand that, if there is a transfer of my service obligation to another Federal agency or other organization in any branch of the Government, the agreements in items 1, 2, and 3 of this section will remain in effect until I have completed my obligated service with that other agency or organization. Sign \_\_\_\_\_

Employee Name:	Layne Bangerter
Employee Signature:	
Beginning Date of Development Activity:	2017-04-06
Ending Date of Development Activity:	2017-04-07
Name of Course or Development Activity:	ECOS Spring Workshop
Supervisor Name:	RobinH Richardson/DC/USEPA/US
Number of training or course credit hours:	0 credit
This Continued Service Agreement Expires on:	

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**To:** Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]  
**Cc:** Bowles, Jack[Bowles.Jack@epa.gov]; Matthews, Demand[matthews.demand@epa.gov]  
**From:** Hannon, Arnita  
**Sent:** Thur 5/4/2017 6:38:02 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Resilient Water Management: Strengthening Communities and Growing Economies

Great! We'll register you and update you on when we can go over. Will put it on our calendar toooo!

A

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**From:** Bangerter, Layne  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 04, 2017 2:21 PM  
**To:** Hannon, Arnita <Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Bowles, Jack <Bowles.Jack@epa.gov>; Matthews, Demand <matthews.demand@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Resilient Water Management: Strengthening Communities and Growing Economies

OK. I will talk to Demand.

**From:** Hannon, Arnita  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 4, 2017 2:19 PM  
**To:** Bangerter, Layne <[bangerter.layne@epa.gov](mailto:bangerter.layne@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Bowles, Jack <[Bowles.Jack@epa.gov](mailto:Bowles.Jack@epa.gov)>; Matthews, Demond <[matthews.demond@epa.gov](mailto:matthews.demond@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** FW: Resilient Water Management: Strengthening Communities and Growing Economies

Hi Layne!

FYI - I checked in with Carolyn and she said all fine if you and Demond and I want to register to attend this – for however much time we have to observe. No charges for the session so just sharing in case you wanted to register and we'll take you over for however much time you might have to take this in. Usually excellent panelists and on the Senate side so not far to travel.

A

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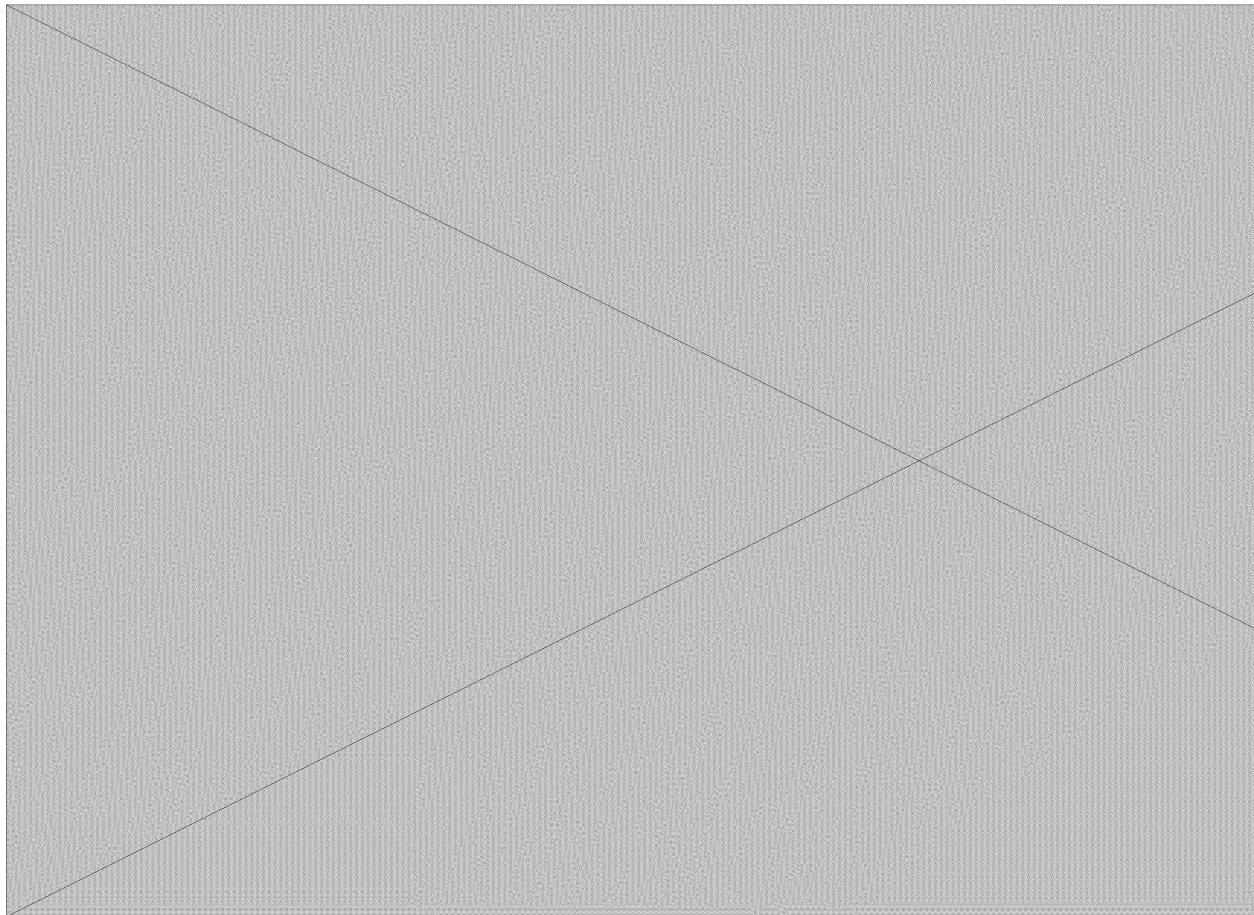
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[hannon.arnita@epa.gov](mailto:hannon.arnita@epa.gov)

**From:** Carolyn Berndt [<mailto:Berndt@nlc.org>]

**Sent:** Thursday, May 04, 2017 2:07 PM

**Subject:** Resilient Water Management: Strengthening Communities and Growing Economies



**Resilient Water Management:  
Strengthening Communities & Growing Economies**

*An Infrastructure Week Event*

Tuesday, May 16, 2017 | 2:00-3:30 p.m.

216 Hart Senate Office Building | Washington, DC

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Today, cities across the nation are grappling with significant water challenges from aging infrastructure and poor water quality, to water scarcity or flooding. Not only do these challenges impact public health and quality of life, but they also threaten business growth. Added pressures from a changing climate only exacerbates these challenges, leaving communities more vulnerable to extreme storms, flooding and drought. At the same time, a growing number of companies recognize that water security is a core business input that cannot be taken for granted and are stepping up as valuable partners in protecting and restoring the watersheds vital to their success.

The resilience of our cities and our businesses to withstand future water risks will highly depend on how water is managed today. How are local governments, businesses, and others using integrated water management strategies to address environmental challenges head on? How can these challenges promote economic growth and business sustainability? This panel discussion will feature government and business leaders who are adopting sustainable water practices to improve water infrastructure and secure the resilience of their communities.

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**Cc:** Wagner, Kenneth[wagner.kenneth@epa.gov]; Richardson, RobinH[Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov]; Cheatham-Strickland, Latonia[Cheatham-Strickland.Latonia@epa.gov]  
**From:** Nitsch, Chad  
**Sent:** Wed 3/29/2017 1:32:16 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Materials for meet-and-greet with the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA) at 11am in WJCN 3528

For clarification, the NASDA staff that we'll meet at 11 are:

- Nathan Bowen (NASDA Policy Director)
- Britt Aasmundstad (NASDA Policy Manager)
- Dudley Hoskins (NASDA Public Policy Counsel)

Thanks,

Chad Nitsch

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**From:** Bangerter, Layne  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 29, 2017 9:16 AM  
**To:** Nitsch, Chad <Nitsch.Chad@epa.gov>; Bowles, Jack <Bowles.Jack@epa.gov>; Ferris, Lena <Ferris.Lena@epa.gov>; Davis, Patrick <davis.patrick@epa.gov>; Osinski, Michael <Osinski.Michael@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Wagner, Kenneth <wagner.kenneth@epa.gov>; Richardson, RobinH <Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov>; Cheatham-Strickland, Latonia <Cheatham-Strickland.Latonia@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Materials for meet-and-greet with the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA) at 11am in WJCN 3528

Thanks Chad!

**From:** Nitsch, Chad

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 29, 2017 7:58 AM

**To:** Bangerter, Layne <[bangerter.layne@epa.gov](mailto:bangerter.layne@epa.gov)>; Bowles, Jack <[Bowles.Jack@epa.gov](mailto:Bowles.Jack@epa.gov)>; Ferris, Lena <[Ferris.Lena@epa.gov](mailto:Ferris.Lena@epa.gov)>; Davis, Patrick <[davis.patrick@epa.gov](mailto:davis.patrick@epa.gov)>; Osinski, Michael <[Osinski.Michael@epa.gov](mailto:Osinski.Michael@epa.gov)>

**Cc:** Wagner, Kenneth <[wagner.kenneth@epa.gov](mailto:wagner.kenneth@epa.gov)>; Richardson, RobinH <[Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov](mailto:Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov)>; Cheatham-Strickland, Latonia <[Cheatham-Strickland.Latonia@epa.gov](mailto:Cheatham-Strickland.Latonia@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** Materials for meet-and-greet with the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA) at 11am in WJCN 3528

**Importance:** High

Good morning,

To prepare for today's meet-and-greet with the staff at the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA), I've attached NASDA's overview document, Federalism One-Pager, and letter requesting to meet with the Administrator April 11<sup>th</sup> or April 12<sup>th</sup>. The letter to the Administrator most succinctly identifies what the group would like to see from the agency. I have formally submitted a meeting request to the Administrator's scheduling team. Hard copies will be available at the meeting, and I've updated to invite in Outlook. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

<http://nasda.org/About.aspx>

## About

The National Association of State Departments of Agriculture was founded in 1916.

NASDA grows and enhances agriculture by forging partnerships and creating consensus to achieve sound policy outcomes between state departments of agriculture, the federal government, and stakeholders.

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**To:** Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]  
**From:** Hanson, Andrew  
**Sent:** Sun 4/16/2017 7:35:35 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Gravitas

Confidentially, we'd have had you guys over this weekend were my spouse not stressing about the forthcoming fortnight. (Bachelor billiards would've worked great last weekend when she was traveling). Anyway, we'll get it figured out.

Happy Easter to B.B. too.

On Apr 16, 2017, at 9:38 AM, Bangerter, Layne <[bangerter.layne@epa.gov](mailto:bangerter.layne@epa.gov)> wrote:

I again appreciate this message and you this glorious Easter Morning!

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 14, 2017, at 8:19 PM, Hanson, Andrew <[Hanson.Andrew@epa.gov](mailto:Hanson.Andrew@epa.gov)> wrote:

Who is the senior Pres Personnel lead for USDA? (Senate-confirmed posts)

On Apr 14, 2017, at 6:30 PM, Bangerter, Layne <[bangerter.layne@epa.gov](mailto:bangerter.layne@epa.gov)> wrote:

Awesome and keep The Intel and information and messaging flowing. I greatly appreciate it.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 14, 2017, at 9:13 AM, Hanson, Andrew <[Hanson.Andrew@epa.gov](mailto:Hanson.Andrew@epa.gov)> wrote:

L –

The VM I left you yesterday isn't necessarily bad news. You just need to know it's a possibility, and it'd be helpful if we could ascertain the extent of the group's support.

The key word for you in this effort is *gravitas*, which you have, and the other

person may not.

# gravitas

## Definition of *gravitas*

1. : high seriousness (as in a person's bearing or in the treatment of a subject) ***had the gravitas of a deep thinker***

## Examples of *gravitas* in a sentence

1. **The new leader has an air of gravitas that commands respect.**
2. a comic actress who lacks the gravitas for dramatic roles
3. The new leader has a certain gravitas.

## Did You Know?

This word comes to us straight from Latin. Among the Romans, gravitas was thought to be essential to the character and functions of any adult (male) in authority. Even the head of a household or a low-level official would strive for this important quality. We use *gravitas* today to identify the same solemn dignity in men and women, but it seems to come easier in those who are over 60, slow-moving--and a bit overweight.

**To:** Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]  
**Cc:** Dierker, Carl[Dierker.Carl@epa.gov]; Moraff, Kenneth[Moraff.Ken@epa.gov]; Schroer, Lee[schroer.lee@epa.gov]; Parikh, Pooja[Parikh.Pooja@epa.gov]; Nagle, Deborah[Nagle.Deborah@epa.gov]; Hannon, Arnita[Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov]  
**From:** Neugeboren, Steven  
**Sent:** Fri 4/7/2017 4:41:33 PM  
**Subject:** Documents for you on Taunton  
[Taunton Briefing Paper final draft to OCIR 4-7-17.docx](#)  
[Taunton letter final draft to OCIR 4-7.docx](#)  
[Taunton Bullets final draft to OCIR 4-7.docx](#)

Layne – per your request, attached are 3 documents for you: (1) a draft response letter to the Mayor expressing the position we have taken and that you discussed with Billy; (2) the page of bullets that Billy requested for his use in case he gets questions/followup; (3) a longer briefing paper – which you expressed an interest sharing with Billy for his deeper background. It is by and large what was used previously for our internal discussions.

I'm on leave next week, so if you or Anita have any questions or need any followup, please contact Deborah Nagle.

Steven Neugeboren

Associate General Counsel

Water Law Office

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**To:** Osinski, Michael[Osinski.Michael@epa.gov]; Richardson, RobinH[Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov]; Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]  
**From:** Barbery, Andrea  
**Sent:** Thur 4/6/2017 9:11:00 PM  
**Subject:** Guess we'll meet (Planning) at 5:20 in New Hampshire?

Sent from my iPhone

**To:** Hannon, Arnita[Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov]; scheduling[scheduling@epa.gov]  
**Cc:** Cheatham-Strickland, Latonia[Cheatham-Strickland.Latonia@epa.gov]; Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]; Bowles, Jack[Bowles.Jack@epa.gov]; Matthews, Demond[matthews.demond@epa.gov]  
**From:** Hupp, Sydney  
**Sent:** Mon 4/10/2017 5:47:06 PM  
**Subject:** RE: AAMA Speaker Request Form: Annual Conference/April 27, 2017

Thank you!

Is that time frame flexible at all? He might not be able to make it there by 2:45 but likely could by 3:00.

Thanks!

Sydney Hupp

Office of the Administrator- Scheduling

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**From:** Hannon, Arnita  
**Sent:** Friday, April 7, 2017 7:29 PM  
**To:** scheduling <scheduling@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>; Cheatham-Strickland, Latonia <Cheatham-Strickland.Latonia@epa.gov>; Bangerter, Layne <bangerter.layne@epa.gov>; Bowles, Jack <Bowles.Jack@epa.gov>; Matthews, Demond <matthews.demond@epa.gov>; Hannon, Arnita <Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** AAMA Speaker Request Form: Annual Conference/April 27, 2017

-Request for Administrator to Address Association of African American Mayors on Thursday, April 27 in a "Federal Updates" session where he would be the sole presenter. 10-15 Minutes: EPA's Priorities; Q&A

2:45 – 3:30 pm

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**To:** Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]; Cheatham-Strickland, Latonia[Cheatham-Strickland.Latonia@epa.gov]  
**From:** Wilkes, Quianna  
**Sent:** Tue 3/14/2017 8:33:11 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting request - confirmation

*I've placed this meeting on your calendar but do you have a location?*

**From:** Bangerter, Layne  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 14, 2017 4:28 PM  
**To:** Wilkes, Quianna <Wilkes.Quianna@epa.gov>; Cheatham-Strickland, Latonia <Cheatham-Strickland.Latonia@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: Meeting request - confirmation

For my calendar.

**From:** Benton, Donald  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 14, 2017 4:19 PM  
**To:** Bangerter, Layne <bangerter.layne@epa.gov>; Davis, Patrick <davis.patrick@epa.gov>; Dravis, Samantha <dravis.samantha@epa.gov>; Schwab, Justin <schwab.justin@epa.gov>; Brown, Byron <brown.byron@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Richardson, RobinH <Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov>; Sugiyama, George <sugiyama.george@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: Meeting request - confirmation

Representatives of the US Chamber would like to share ideas for positive change with us. Please expand to your selected colleagues and leaders in Air and/or Water and/or policy to join us for this important meeting for one hour on next Tuesday-3/21 at 2:00pm and let me know who else has been invited.

Don

Senator Don Benton

Senior White House Advisor

Office of the Administrator

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**From:** Koch, Matthew  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 14, 2017 3:45 PM  
**To:** Benton, Donald <[benton.donald@epa.gov](mailto:benton.donald@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Meeting request - confirmation

Hi Don –

Thanks again for taking my call earlier today. To follow up on our conversation, a few of my colleagues are hoping to have a simple hour long discussion with you and interested members of your staff to share thoughts and ideas on energy-related policy priorities.

Joining me at your office on Tuesday, March 21 at 2pm – 3pm will be Christopher Guith, Dan Byers, Steve Eule, and Heath Knakmuhs. All five of us work for the Institute for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Energy at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

Thanks again for your willingness to meet with us, and I look forward to speaking with you soon. In the meantime and as always, please don't hesitate to contact me at any time if I can ever be of assistance.

Best wishes,

- Matt

Matthew Koch, IOM

Vice President

Institute for 21st Century Energy

U.S. Chamber of Commerce

**To:** Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]  
**From:** Roberts, Suzanne  
**Sent:** Wed 3/22/2017 6:31:30 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Taxes

# Personal Matters/Ex. 6

Suzanne

**From:** Bangerter, Layne  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 22, 2017 1:56 PM  
**To:** Roberts, Suzanne <Roberts.Suzanne@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Taxes

Do you need more tax information from me?

**To:** Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]; Davis, Patrick[davis.patrick@epa.gov]  
**Cc:** Nitsch, Chad[Nitsch.Chad@epa.gov]  
**From:** Ferris, Lena  
**Sent:** Fri 3/24/2017 5:57:18 PM  
**Subject:** Monday 3:00 Conference Call with EPA Regional Agriculture Contacts - Talking Points  
[DavistalkingPointsEPARegionalAgContactsMonday27.2017.docx](#)  
[Layne.TalkingPoints.EPA.AgRegionalContactsConfCall.3.27.2017.docx](#)

Layne and Patrick --

Here are talking points for both of you. After you give opening remarks and add whatever else you feel is relevant we will open it up for questions and then wrap up. It's only 30 minutes.

Please let me know if you want any changes to the talking points.

Lena Ferris

Special Assistant to the Agriculture Counselor

Office of the Administrator

**Talking Points for Patrick Davis for EPA Regional Ag Conference Call Monday 3:00  
(Layne's Office).**

## **Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process**

Talking Points/Remarks for Layne Bangerter with the EPA Regional Agriculture Contacts  
Monday March 27 3:00 Conference Call from Layne's Office

## **Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process**

**To:** Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]  
**From:** Hannon, Arnita  
**Sent:** Tue 3/14/2017 12:32:49 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Tomorrow's NLC Appearance

You're welcome! She is new in the Administrator's office and I think she may be doing Schedule/Advance, but also she was handling the Administrator's notebook. Just got her e-mail up and running. Really great to work with.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 13, 2017, at 8:27 PM, Bangerter, Layne <[bangerter.layne@epa.gov](mailto:bangerter.layne@epa.gov)> wrote:

You too thanks so much. Please remind me who Millan is.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 13, 2017, at 8:19 PM, Hannon, Arnita <[Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov](mailto:Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov)> wrote:

My pleasure! I will let Millan know. A 12:20 or 12:25 arrival might be not so rushed for you to go right to the Capital Board Room for the Meet and Greet for the 12:30 start time. Ok all set and stay warm!

A

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 13, 2017, at 8:14 PM, Bangerter, Layne <[bangerter.layne@epa.gov](mailto:bangerter.layne@epa.gov)> wrote:

Thanks for your work. I will plan on going over about 1230 not 8 AM. I have a conflict with meetings in the morning in the office.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 13, 2017, at 8:12 PM, Hannon, Arnita <[Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov](mailto:Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hi!

Ugh I was hoping you would be riding over with the Administrator but looks like they are suggesting otherwise-and sooo early! Sorry about this and if you might like to go over closer to the 12:30 Meet and Greet start time, maybe a car would be better. Anyway, we just have to let Millan know.

Thanks!

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Hupp, Millan" <[hupp.millan@epa.gov](mailto:hupp.millan@epa.gov)>  
**Date:** March 13, 2017 at 7:54:41 PM EDT  
**To:** "Hannon, Arnita" <[Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov](mailto:Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** "Hale, Michelle" <[hale.michelle@epa.gov](mailto:hale.michelle@epa.gov)>, "Bangerter, Layne" <[bangerter.layne@epa.gov](mailto:bangerter.layne@epa.gov)>, "Konkus, John" <[konkus.john@epa.gov](mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov)>, "Weese, Eric" <[Weese.Eric@epa.gov](mailto:Weese.Eric@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Tomorrow's NLC Appearance

Arnita,

Thank you for everything today. Personal Security Detail/Ex. 6/Ex. 7C/Ex. 7E/Ex. 7F

**Personal Security Detail/Ex. 6/Ex. 7C/Ex. 7E/Ex. 7F**

Millan

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 13, 2017, at 3:20 PM, Hannon, Arnita  
<[Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov](mailto:Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hi Michelle –

Our DAA for Intergovernmental Relations, Layne Bangerter is happy to ride with Administrator Pruitt tomorrow over to the hotel for the Meet & Greet and Luncheon appearance if that is ok.

Might you please let us know what time we should have Layne come around to meet the Administrator and those traveling with him?

Thank you so much!

Arnita

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**To:** joe.friedlander[Personal Email/Ex. 6]Bangerter,  
Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]  
**From:** Kaiser, Sven-Erik  
**Sent:** Mon 3/27/2017 7:40:44 PM  
**Subject:** NA Coal Inquiry on TRI Reporting

Joe,

Thanks for the call about concerns with anhydrous ammonia reporting under TRI.  
Please send me your contact information along with any additional background  
information and I'll provide it to the TRI folks. I'll also get back to you with a program  
contact to assist with your request. Please let me know if any additional questions. Best,

Sven

Sven-Erik Kaiser

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**To:** Hannon, Arnita[Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov]  
**Cc:** Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]; Cheatham-Strickland, Latonia[Cheatham-Strickland.Latonia@epa.gov]; Bowles, Jack[Bowles.Jack@epa.gov]  
**From:** Richardson, RobinH  
**Sent:** Thur 4/6/2017 11:29:09 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Heads-Up - AAMA Invitation to Administrator

Good morning Arnita! Unfortunately, the scheduling meeting was postponed. I'll check my list and the Administrator's calendar. I think this meeting is already logged in. I'll let you know. Best,  
Robin

Robin H Richardson  
PDAA, EPA/OCIR  
(202) 564-3358 (desk)  

Personal Matters/Ex. 6

 (cell)  
[rrichardson.robinh@epa.gov](mailto:rrichardson.robinh@epa.gov)

On Apr 5, 2017, at 8:26 PM, Hannon, Arnita <[Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov](mailto:Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hi Robin!

My Speaker Request form has some blanks that AAMA must fill and I sent that to staff this evening. The invitation for Administrator Pruitt to address the AAMA's Annual Conference was sent to me today. WHIG is working too on conference participation by Cabinet members. *Might you at minimum mention this in Scheduling tomorrow and alert that a Speaker Request form is coming?* Just because this is for late April, I wanted Scheduling to start looking at the dates to see if there is a chance the Administrator might be available on either Thursday or Friday, April 27/28. Thank you!

**Event:** African American Mayors Association's Annual Conference (April 26 – 28/Marriott Marquis)

**Request:** Address "Federal Updates" Session – 2:45 – 3:30 PM: Thursday, April 27th

**Scope:** Sole Speaker; 10 – 15 Minutes Remarks: EPA's Priorities; Q&A follow for Remainder; Depart

**Audience:** 150 Attendees, including 75 – 100 Mayors representing cities and towns of every size and population

**Leadership:** President: Mayor Sly James (Kansas City, MO); 1<sup>st</sup> VP: Mayor Toni Harp (New Haven, CT); 2<sup>nd</sup> VP: Mayor Tony Yarber (Jackson, MS)

**ALTERNATIVE: If not available for April 27<sup>th</sup> session: Address Closing Luncheon on Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>.**

M. Arnita Hannon

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<InviteLetter\_EPA.pdf>

**To:** AO-OCIR Everyone[AOOCIR\_Everyone@epa.gov]  
**From:** Tillery, Loreto  
**Sent:** Tue 3/21/2017 4:53:27 PM  
**Subject:** OCIR Annual Property Walk Through

Hello OCIR,

It's that time again, OCIR's annual property inventory walk through with the Property Specialist is scheduled for Wednesday, March 22 and Thursday, March 23 to do inventory on ALL equipment. Also, if you have an EPA issued iPhone, we will need to physically see the device so we can verify information on it. Let me know if you have any questions/concerns.

Thank you.



**Loreto Tillery**

Resources Management and Operations Division

Office of Congressional & Intergovernmental Relations

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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**To:** Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]  
**From:** Hanson, Andrew  
**Sent:** Thur 5/4/2017 6:37:30 PM  
**Subject:** Re: touching base

Let's get you in there to shake hands, then you'll be good to go. Some folks are just more comfortable that way.

On May 4, 2017, at 1:58 PM, Bangerter, Layne <[bangerter.layne@epa.gov](mailto:bangerter.layne@epa.gov)> wrote:

Done and will-do, but not reply from JK.

**From:** Hanson, Andrew  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 4, 2017 11:30 AM  
**To:** Bangerter, Layne <[bangerter.layne@epa.gov](mailto:bangerter.layne@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: touching base

FYI

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Hanson, Andrew" <[Hanson.Andrew@epa.gov](mailto:Hanson.Andrew@epa.gov)>  
**Date:** May 4, 2017 at 11:30:05 AM EDT  
**To:** "Kozeny, Jill (Grassley)" <[Jill\\_Kozeny@grassley.senate.gov](mailto:Jill_Kozeny@grassley.senate.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: touching base

Hi Jill

Layne's meeting with Sonny et al at USDA went swimmingly. If you're amenable, he would like to get on your schedule for a quick drop-by. Please advise, and thanks.

AH

On May 1, 2017, at 5:07 PM, Kozeny, Jill (Grassley)  
<[Jill\\_Kozeny@grassley.senate.gov](mailto:Jill_Kozeny@grassley.senate.gov)> wrote:

Hi, Andrew. I'm so sorry to have missed your messages. Please call if I can still be helpful. I hope I didn't miss a deadline. My cell is Personal Phone/Ex. 6 Thanks so much -- Jill

**To:** scheduling[scheduling@epa.gov]  
**Cc:** Cheatham-Strickland, Latonia[Cheatham-Strickland.Latonia@epa.gov]; Hupp, Sydney[hupp.sydney@epa.gov]; Matthews, Demond[matthews.demond@epa.gov]; Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]; Bowles, Jack[Bowles.Jack@epa.gov]; Hannon, Arnita[Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov]  
**From:** Hannon, Arnita  
**Sent:** Tue 4/4/2017 11:23:58 PM  
**Subject:** Meeting Request: Mayor Antaramian (For April 26, 2017 - Re: Brownfields Success Stories Administrator Meeting Request FormwMayorAntaramianMarch2017.docx

-Per request of Mayor John Antaramian (Kenosha, WI)

-Meeting Date: 4/26/17

-At Administrator's Convenience

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## ***Meeting Request Form for Administrator Scott Pruitt***

Today's Date: April 4, 2017

Requesting Office: OCIR

Title of the Meeting: Meeting with Mayor John Antaramian (Kenosha, WI)

Purpose: To update the Administrator on the City of Kenosha's brownfield success stories.

Role of the Administrator: Receive update; Congratulate Mayor Antaramian on his leadership.

Background: Mayor Antaramian continues to be a passionate advocate for the Brownfields Program, and is an active member of the US Conference of Mayors. The mayor will be in Washington to attend the American Council of Engineering Companies' (ACEC) Engineering Excellence Award ceremonies. According to the University of Wisconsin's Fiscal and Economic Research Center, the state's Brownfield Projects have helped leverage 29,833 direct new/retained permanent jobs. One job is created for every \$3,000 in state brownfield funding. The mayor last met with EPA in August 2016 to discuss concerns with protecting the lake surrounding the Kennedy Park Landfill from contamination, as well as, with lead pipe issues in older, poorer areas of his city

Last possible date for the meeting: 4/26/17

Is the meeting urgent and if so why? No

Requested Time Length: 15-20 Minutes

EPA Staff (Required): Layne Bangerter, DAA for Intergovernmental Relations (OCIR)

EPA Staff (Optional): M. Arnita Hannon Christmon (OCIR)

External Participant: Mayor John Antaramian

Teleconference Required? No

Video Conference Required? No

Point of Contact for the Meeting: M. Arnita Hannon Christmon (202.564.3704)

*NOTE: Meeting request forms should be submitted to [scheduling@epa.gov](mailto:scheduling@epa.gov), with a copy to Sydney Hupp ([hupp.sydney@epa.gov](mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov)) and the AO Special Assistant who covers your office. All briefing material must be sent to your AO Special Assistant by 3:00 pm two days before your meeting, or to OCIR 48 hours in advance. If briefing materials are not submitted on time, we may need to reschedule your briefing.*

**To:** Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]  
**From:** Wilkes, Quianna  
**Sent:** Wed 3/29/2017 1:31:10 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Josh Tewalt Meeting 2:35-5PM

*I called this number but the answering machine was a lady named Christin. Is this number correct?*

**From:** Bangerter, Layne  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 29, 2017 9:27 AM  
**To:** Wilkes, Quianna <Wilkes.Quianna@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Josh Tewalt Meeting 2:35-5PM

Can you put this on my calendar and let Mr. Tewalt know I will greet him at security around 2:30-2:35? Personal Phone/Ex. 6

**To:** Eisenberg, Mindy[Eisenberg.Mindy@epa.gov]  
**Cc:** Hanson, Andrew[Hanson.Andrew@epa.gov]; Goodin, John[Goodin.John@epa.gov]; Bowles, Jack[Bowles.Jack@epa.gov]; Downing, Donna[Downing.Donna@epa.gov]; Christensen, Damaris[Christensen.Damaris@epa.gov]; Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]; Ruf, Christine[Ruf.Christine@epa.gov]; Hope, Brian[Hope.Brian@epa.gov]  
**From:** Ferguson, Lincoln  
**Sent:** Fri 4/7/2017 4:35:36 PM  
**Subject:** Re: WOTUS letter - signature process

Great - let me know when it is ready for him to sign

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 7, 2017, at 12:25 PM, Eisenberg, Mindy <[Eisenberg.Mindy@epa.gov](mailto:Eisenberg.Mindy@epa.gov)> wrote:

I formatted the letter to accommodate Agency letter head and put it in Times Roman 12 font which is standard for all correspondence, so there is more text that carries onto the second page so it doesn't look cut off.

Mindy Eisenberg

Acting Director, Wetlands Division

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[eisenberg.mindy@epa.gov](mailto:eisenberg.mindy@epa.gov)

**From:** Ferguson, Lincoln

**Sent:** Friday, April 07, 2017 12:22 PM

**To:** Hanson, Andrew <[Hanson.Andrew@epa.gov](mailto:Hanson.Andrew@epa.gov)>; Goodin, John <[Goodin.John@epa.gov](mailto:Goodin.John@epa.gov)>

**Cc:** Bowles, Jack <[Bowles.Jack@epa.gov](mailto:Bowles.Jack@epa.gov)>; Eisenberg, Mindy <[Eisenberg.Mindy@epa.gov](mailto:Eisenberg.Mindy@epa.gov)>; Downing, Donna <[Downing.Donna@epa.gov](mailto:Downing.Donna@epa.gov)>; Christensen, Damaris <[Christensen.Damaris@epa.gov](mailto:Christensen.Damaris@epa.gov)>; Bangerter, Layne

<bangerter.layne@epa.gov>; Ruf, Christine <Ruf.Christine@epa.gov>; Hope, Brian <Hope.Brian@epa.gov>

**Subject:** RE: WOTUS letter - signature process

This version has been approved by the Administrator but needs to be condensed to all fit on one page. Can somebody assist in doing that?

Once that is done we can have it ready for him to sign.

**From:** Hanson, Andrew

**Sent:** Thursday, April 6, 2017 10:08 PM

**To:** Goodin, John <Goodin.John@epa.gov>

**Cc:** Bowles, Jack <Bowles.Jack@epa.gov>; Eisenberg, Mindy <Eisenberg.Mindy@epa.gov>; Downing, Donna <Downing.Donna@epa.gov>; Christensen, Damaris <Christensen.Damaris@epa.gov>; Bangerter, Layne <bangerter.layne@epa.gov>; Ruf, Christine <Ruf.Christine@epa.gov>; Hope, Brian <Hope.Brian@epa.gov>; Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>

**Subject:** Re: WOTUS letter - signature process

Hi John,

Please keep in mind that the scanned digital version we (OCIR) send to our targeted Big 10 reps -- attached to an electronic scheduler -- will be the primary (most effective and expedient) means of ensuring the invitation letter gets to the right intergov association participants, incl. the water association reps. The greeting should be "Dear Intergovernmental Association Colleague".

The signed/mailed hard copy letters referred to below will be, as a practical matter, a superfluous part of the actual notification process.

EOn Apr 6, 2017, at 5:41 PM, Goodin, John <[Goodin.John@epa.gov](mailto:Goodin.John@epa.gov)> wrote:

Folks—below is where the process stands for sending out the Federalism invite letter tomorrow.

Jack—Brian Hope indicated he'd circulate the pdf since you'll want to send digitally as well. He also mentioned that Lincoln said the Administrator may have thoughts on the recipient list (now dropped from the letter itself).

Andrew and Damaris are taking a first cut at drafting presentation materials for the 19<sup>th</sup>, including how to characterize the Federalism opportunity in light of the two-step process.

Thanks

John

**From:** Knapp, Kristien

**Sent:** Thursday, April 06, 2017 5:28 PM

**To:** Hope, Brian <[Hope.Brian@epa.gov](mailto:Hope.Brian@epa.gov)>; Gaines, Cynthia <[Gaines.Cynthia@epa.gov](mailto:Gaines.Cynthia@epa.gov)>; Threet, Derek <[Threet.Derek@epa.gov](mailto:Threet.Derek@epa.gov)>; Burden, Susan <[Burden.Susan@epa.gov](mailto:Burden.Susan@epa.gov)>; Goodin, John <[Goodin.John@epa.gov](mailto:Goodin.John@epa.gov)>; Ferguson, Lincoln <[ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov](mailto:ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov)>; Ruf, Christine <[Ruf.Christine@epa.gov](mailto:Ruf.Christine@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** WOTUS letter - signature process

Because we all have a part to play and this is urgent, I am setting out the plan we've all just talked about for getting the WOTUS letter signed tomorrow morning.

## Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process

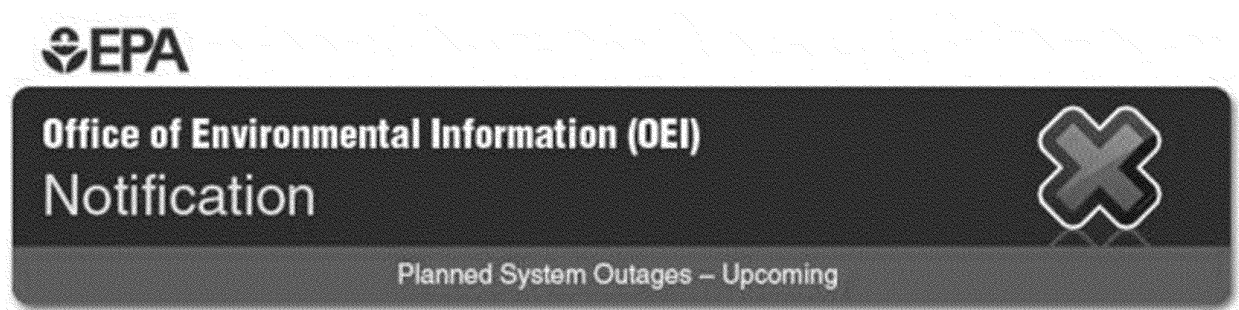
## **Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process**

Lincoln, please keep us all posted on your end, especially if you have timing needs so that we can help you meet them. Susan Burden will be your main point of contact in the Administrator's Office tomorrow. She will make sure this gets signed and follows all the necessary process points.

Please flag any missing points or questions.

<UPDATED FEDCON (002).docx>

**To:** All HQ Employees[All\_HQ\_Employees@epa.gov]  
**From:** OEI-MassMailer-Mailbox  
**Sent:** Thur 4/6/2017 8:51:06 PM  
**Subject:** AMENDED - Planned System Outage: Voice Services and Network Connectivity from Friday, April 7, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. ET to Saturday, April 8, 2017 at 11:59 p.m. ET



**Please do not respond to this message. Thank you.**

**Affected Location:** Headquarters – **WJC North – 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> floors only**

**Affected Service:** Voice Services and Network Connectivity

Due to a system upgrade, all voice services and network connectivity will be interrupted from Friday, April 7, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. ET to Saturday, April 8, 2017 at 11:59 p.m. ET.

If you experience problems, please contact your [Local Help Desk](#). We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

To see a list of planned and unplanned system outages, visit the [Maintenance and Status Calendar](#) page.

**To:** Barbery, Andrea[Barbery.Andrea@epa.gov];  
gary.baughman@state.co.us[gary.baughman@state.co.us];  
patrick.stevens@wisconsin.gov[patrick.stevens@wisconsin.gov];  
william.ehm@dnr.iowa.gov[william.ehm@dnr.iowa.gov];  
Valerie.Thomson@deq.virginia.gov[Valerie.Thomson@deq.virginia.gov];  
wwaskin@des.state.nh.us[wwaskin@des.state.nh.us];  
pamela.mckinney@tceq.texas.gov[pamela.mckinney@tceq.texas.gov];  
bgraves@ecos.org[bgraves@ecos.org]; OBrien, Kathy[Obrien.Kathy@epa.gov]; Richardson,  
RobinH[Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov]; Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]  
**Cc:** Layman, Joseph[Layman.Joseph@epa.gov]; Greenblott,  
Joseph[Greenblott.Joseph@epa.gov]; omcaleer@ecos.org[omcaleer@ecos.org]; Milazzo,  
Julie[Milazzo.Julie@epa.gov]  
**From:** Elaine Boyd  
**Sent:** Wed 3/22/2017 6:25:16 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Draft Agenda for P&P Co-Chairs Call (Apr. 4)

I'm flying up on the 5<sup>th</sup>, so the 4<sup>th</sup> works for me. Thanks

**From:** Barbery, Andrea [mailto:Barbery.Andrea@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 22, 2017 10:01 AM  
**To:** gary.baughman@state.co.us; Elaine Boyd; patrick.stevens@wisconsin.gov;  
william.ehm@dnr.iowa.gov; Valerie.Thomson@deq.virginia.gov; wwaskin@des.state.nh.us;  
pamela.mckinney@tceq.texas.gov; bgraves@ecos.org; OBrien, Kathy; Richardson, RobinH; Bangerter,  
Layne  
**Cc:** Layman, Joseph; Greenblott, Joseph; omcaleer@ecos.org; Milazzo, Julie  
**Subject:** Draft Agenda for P&P Co-Chairs Call (Apr. 4)

Hello P&P leaders,

Checking to see if we are still on for the **April 4** P&P Co-Chairs call? I wonder if this will conflict with state folks' travel to DC for the EELC/Spring Mtg?

If the time works for most, please see a proposed agenda, below. Your feedback by next Wed/29<sup>th</sup> is appreciated!

Thanks,

Andrea Barbery

Office of Intergovernmental Relations

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

202-564-1397

DRAFT Agenda for 4/4/17 P&P Co-Chairs Call

# **Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process**

**To:** Hannon, Arnita[Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov]  
**Cc:** Hale, Michelle[hale.michelle@epa.gov]; Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]; Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]; Weese, Eric[Weese.Eric@epa.gov]  
**From:** Hupp, Millan  
**Sent:** Tue 3/14/2017 12:27:25 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Tomorrow's NLC Appearance

Perfect. Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 13, 2017, at 8:23 PM, Hannon, Arnita <[Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov](mailto:Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov)> wrote:

It's ok. Yes the first event-meet and greet-starts at 12:30. Luncheon appearance approximately 12:50. Layne has morning meetings so no worries at all as he will head to the hotel closer to the M&G start time. Thank you again and all set!

Arnita

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 13, 2017, at 8:16 PM, Hupp, Millan <[hupp.millan@epa.gov](mailto:hupp.millan@epa.gov)> wrote:

My apologies. I was thinking of the first engagement so 8AM for NLC is incorrect.

Layne will likely have to meet us at the Marriott for that one.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 13, 2017, at 8:05 PM, Hannon, Arnita <[Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov](mailto:Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov)> wrote:

My pleasure and so nice to finally meet in person! And thank YOU too! Ok we have Layne looped here so that way we can see if this will work for him.

Thank you!

Arnita

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 13, 2017, at 7:54 PM, Hupp, Millan <[hupp.millan@epa.gov](mailto:hupp.millan@epa.gov)> wrote:

Arnita,

Thank you for everything today.

Personal Security Detail/Ex. 6/Ex. 7C/Ex. 7E/Ex. 7F

**Personal Security Detail/Ex. 6/Ex. 7C/Ex. 7E/Ex. 7F**

Millan

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 13, 2017, at 3:20 PM, Hannon, Arnita <[Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov](mailto:Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hi Michelle –

Our DAA for Intergovernmental Relations, Layne Bangerter is happy to ride with Administrator Pruitt tomorrow over to the hotel for the Meet & Greet and Luncheon appearance if that is ok. Might you please let us know what time we should have Layne come around to meet the Administrator and those traveling with him?

Thank you so much!

Arnita

M. Arnita Hannon

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**To:** Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]  
**From:** Wilkes, Quianna  
**Sent:** Mon 3/27/2017 7:16:37 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Calendar

*Done.*

**From:** Bangerter, Layne  
**Sent:** Monday, March 27, 2017 2:55 PM  
**To:** Wilkes, Quianna <Wilkes.Quianna@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Calendar

Could you add a meeting for me with Lorna Finman here, Wednesday 12:30-1PM?

**To:** Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]  
**From:** Wilkes, Quianna  
**Sent:** Tue 3/21/2017 4:33:41 PM  
**Subject:** training form

*Spoke with the training office. I have the information but I will have to walk you through the process. It should only take less than 10 minutes to complete. So if you're available today that would be great if not we'll have to get it done 1<sup>st</sup> thing in the AM.*

Quianna Elliott

(Desk) 202-564-2486

WJC-North 3442 D

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[wilkes.quianna@epa.gov](mailto:wilkes.quianna@epa.gov)

**To:** Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]  
**From:** Nephi Cole  
**Sent:** Thur 4/27/2017 6:15:18 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Waters of the United States (WOTUS) - DC visit

Sounds good. I will see you at 4:00. Thanks again for the time Layne.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Apr 26, 2017, at 6:22 PM, Bangerter, Layne <bangerter.layne@epa.gov> wrote:

>

> Let's do 4PM now. I have to go to the White House. Text me as we get closer. Personal Phone/Ex. 6

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Nephi Cole [mailto:nephi.cole@wyo.gov]

> Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 5:44 PM

> To: Bangerter, Layne <bangerter.layne@epa.gov>

> Subject: Re: Waters of the United States (WOTUS) - DC visit

>

> It will just be me Layne. Let's shoot for 2:30 if that still works.

>

> Sent from my iPhone

>

>> On Apr 25, 2017, at 2:21 PM, Bangerter, Layne <bangerter.layne@epa.gov> wrote:

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>> I'm available either 230 or 4 o'clock that day would be governor be joining us?

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>> Sent from my iPhone

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>>> On Apr 25, 2017, at 2:06 PM, Nephi Cole <nephi.cole@wyo.gov> wrote:

>>>

>>> Dear Mr. Bangerter,

>>>

>>> I hope this email finds you well Layne. I will be traveling to Washington D.C. with Governor Mead on Wednesday and Thursday. If someone from your WOTUS team has time on Thursday, I would love to drop by EPA to discuss the position of Wyoming with regards to Waters of the United States. WOTUS has been one of my primary focus areas for Governor Mead's team - primarily because it has been a significant driver of my workload for over a decade as both an NRCS professional and as the Governor's Policy Advisor for Water.

>>>

>>> We were extremely active in the comment phase for the proposals from the previous administration. I have included those comments for you and your team to review. Our Final WOTUS comment letter is the most important, but the others help frame our level of concern, interest, and the fact that we requested many times for the withdrawal of the proposed rule.

>>>

>>> I have also included the a Bill which Senate EPW was working. During that process Wyoming had the opportunity to visit on potential solutions and direction. I would strongly encourage your team to look at the guidance that the Senate was providing as a "road map" that could be used to craft a long term solution to this contentious issue.

>>>

>>> Wyoming believes strongly that there is opportunity to develop long term clarity in the rule, and that the key to doing so lies in true cooperative federalism.

>>>

>>> Thanks for your time Layne, and please let me know if we can be of further assistance on this issue.

>>>

>>> --

>>> Nephi John Cole  
>>> Policy Advisor  
>>> Office of Governor Matthew H. Mead  
>>> 2323 Carey Avenue  
>>> Cheyenne WY 82002  
>>> Office: (307) 777-3691  
>>> Cell: Personal Matters/Ex. 6  
>>> Fax: (307) 777-8586

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>>> E-Mail to and from me, in connection with the transaction of public  
>>> business, is subject to the Wyoming Public Records Act and may be  
>>> disclosed to third parties.

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>>> <20140707 EPA & Army - Interpretive Rule comments MHMmdm.pdf>

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**To:** AO-OCIR Everyone[AOOCIR\_Everyone@epa.gov]  
**From:** Kent, Alison  
**Sent:** Thur 5/4/2017 6:20:04 PM  
**Subject:** State and Regional Partnerships attached for your reading pleasure. Thank you!  
State and Regional Partnerships Weekly Report 5.4.17 (final).docx

Alison (Ali) Kent

Lead Region Program Manager

Special Emphasis Program Manager (SEPM)

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**To:** Richardson, RobinH[Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov]  
**Cc:** Klasen, Matthew[Klasen.Matthew@epa.gov]; Borum, Denis[Borum.Denis@epa.gov]; Kuhn, Kevin[Kuhn.Kevin@epa.gov]; Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]  
**From:** Kaiser, Sven-Erik  
**Sent:** Wed 3/29/2017 12:38:27 PM  
**Subject:** Sen. Rubio Inquiry on Effluent Limitations Guidelines

Robin, thanks for forwarding the request. We're on it and will let you know what we find out. Please let me know if any additional questions. Best,  
Sven

On Mar 29, 2017, at 7:23 AM, Richardson, RobinH <[Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov](mailto:Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov)> wrote:

Good morning! Any insights on this issue? Probably should check with R4 too. Thank you!  
Robin

Robin H Richardson  
PDAA, EPA/OCIR  
(202) 564-3358 (desk)  
Personal Matters/Ex. 6 (cell)  
[richardson.robinh@epa.gov](mailto:richardson.robinh@epa.gov)

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**From:** "Benton, Donald" <[benton.donald@epa.gov](mailto:benton.donald@epa.gov)>  
**Date:** March 28, 2017 at 9:22:18 PM EDT  
**To:** "Richardson, RobinH" <[Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov](mailto:Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov)>, "Bangerter, Layne" <[bangerter.layne@epa.gov](mailto:bangerter.layne@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Fw: Effluent Limitations Guidelines

Hi Robin and Layne,

Please see below a request from Senator Marco Rubio's staff concerning effluent guidelines. I am hoping to get a quick reponse to Lauren. Please cc me on the response.

Thanks,

Don

Senator Don Benton

Senior White House Advisor

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**From:** Reamy, Lauren (Rubio) <Lauren\_Reamy@rubio.senate.gov>

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 28, 2017 2:39 PM

**To:** Benton, Donald

**Subject:** Effluent Limitations Guidelines

Hi Don-

Hope this finds you well. Wondering if the Effluent Guidelines in on your radar. Lakeland Electric is concerned about an upcoming deadline that adversely impacts them. More pasted below from them. Any guidance would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

"The issue we have is two-fold. The compliance deadline for the rule, only for coal generators who use the public water treatment facilities, gives us a deadline of November 2018. If a generator discharges directly into the environment the deadline is 2023, which makes no sense whatsoever. We would have to commit to spend \$8 million prior to our 2018 deadline giving us no time to file through the court system and get an answer before having to be in compliance anyway. This has become the way of the Agency it seems.

The second issue is our water quality is already meeting all requirements and is and has been regulated for a long time, rightly so. In fact our water leaves the generating plant to the treatment system, then on to a wetlands for re-nourishment and is then part of a commitment to Tampa Electric for their generators south of Mulberry to reuse. Sounds win-win to me.

We are asking for a quick fix until the Agency can get its staffing to a steady state situation. We should not be discriminatorily impacted more so than generators who discharge directly. Guidance from Administrator Pruitt along these lines is our ask. If we cannot be exempted completely, we are willing to present our arguments at a later date. An unfavorable outcome would likely be the event that closes our generating plant down costing Lakeland over 100 well paying jobs, plus whatever impact it has with coal companies."

Lauren A. Reamy

Deputy Legislative Director

Office of U.S. Senator Marco Rubio

202-224-3041

<2017 LE Effluent Guidelines 03 24 17.pdf>

<EPA letter 03.23.17-1 mtb.docx>

**To:** Ryan Steadley[steadley@strongerinc.org]  
**Cc:** Kenney, James[Kenney.James@epa.gov]; Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]; Robinson, Bonnie[Robinson.Bonnie@epa.gov]; Gerry Baker[gerry.baker@iogcc.state.ok.us]  
**From:** Hanson, Andrew  
**Sent:** Fri 4/7/2017 4:31:52 PM  
**Subject:** RE: State Review of Oil and Natural Gas Environmental Regulations (STRONGER) Introduction

Funny how “Gerry” and “remedy” connect so naturally.....just not sure whether as synonyms or antonyms.

**From:** Ryan Steadley [mailto:steadley@strongerinc.org]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 07, 2017 12:11 PM  
**To:** Hanson, Andrew <Hanson.Andrew@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Kenney, James <Kenney.James@epa.gov>; Bangerter, Layne <bangerter.layne@epa.gov>; Robinson, Bonnie <Robinson.Bonnie@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: State Review of Oil and Natural Gas Environmental Regulations (STRONGER) Introduction

Sounds like a plan! We’ve got some good BBQ, but if Gerry has never taken you to Nic’s for the best burger you’ll have in your life, we should remedy that.

Ryan Steadley  
Executive Director  
STRONGER  
405.249.6131

On Apr 7, 2017, at 12:08 PM, Hanson, Andrew <[Hanson.Andrew@epa.gov](mailto:Hanson.Andrew@epa.gov)> wrote:

You too, Ryan. BTW, I may have mentioned that I drive to the Big Bend/Mexican Border every summer, and often return via a stretch of I-35 to visit folks (such as friends at IOGCC, family in Iowa) on the way. I’ll let you know how plans develop, and when I swing through perhaps we can grab some good OKC BBQ.

**From:** Ryan Steadley [<mailto:steadley@strongerinc.org>]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 07, 2017 11:51 AM  
**To:** Hanson, Andrew <[Hanson.Andrew@epa.gov](mailto:Hanson.Andrew@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Kenney, James <[Kenney.James@epa.gov](mailto:Kenney.James@epa.gov)>; Bangerter, Layne <[bangerter.layne@epa.gov](mailto:bangerter.layne@epa.gov)>; Robinson, Bonnie <[Robinson.Bonnie@epa.gov](mailto:Robinson.Bonnie@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: State Review of Oil and Natural Gas Environmental Regulations (STRONGER) Introduction

I'm contemplating a DC visit similar to the visit STRONGER had a few years back. That was set up to share our recently completed Air Quality Guidelines that EPA funded, and introduce the recently hired me to EPA staff. This would be to introduce the new EPA staff to STRONGER and make the case that EPA should resume funding the organization. The full Board came up for that meeting a couple years back, I'll be suggesting to the Board that just one representative from each stakeholder group participate this time. Again, no rush, doesn't do us any good to plan anything until the new AA's are in place. Bonnie Robinson (cc'd) is our liaison in OLEM, she's been STRONGER's non-voting EPA Board member for many years.

Thanks and have a great weekend,

Ryan Steadley  
Executive Director  
[STRONGER](#)  
405.249.6131

On Apr 7, 2017, at 11:39 AM, Hanson, Andrew <[Hanson.Andrew@epa.gov](mailto:Hanson.Andrew@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hi Ryan –

To answer your question, with new E.O.'s on Waters of the U.S. and reg review as emergent issues, probably not before the week of 5/1. I suspect that several key AA's (OW, OLEM, OECA, OAR) **will not** have been named and/or have arrived even by then, so that might be a better time to talk.

Are you contemplating a DC visit or a teleconference? Regardless, I understand that OLEM has a "standing liaison" to STRONGER, so your best bet for the immediate term would be to follow-up with that person. If needed, Jim Kenney, cc'd above, can tell you who it is.

Let's touch base in a few weeks and see where things stand.

**From:** Ryan Steadley [<mailto:steadley@strongerinc.org>]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 07, 2017 10:57 AM  
**To:** Hanson, Andrew <[Hanson.Andrew@epa.gov](mailto:Hanson.Andrew@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: State Review of Oil and Natural Gas Environmental Regulations (STRONGER) Introduction

Andrew,

I'd like to get a meeting set up with Layne, Ken Wagner, and some other EPA staff, along with a few of STRONGER's Board members. No rush, it may be good to wait on scheduling anything until we know who will be the AA for OLEM anyway. I'll give you a shout next week and we can flesh it out. When's the best time for you to chat for a few minutes?

Ryan Steadley  
Executive Director  
[STRONGER](#)  
405.249.6131

On Apr 7, 2017, at 10:46 AM, Ryan Steadley <[steadley@strongerinc.org](mailto:steadley@strongerinc.org)> wrote:

Hi Layne,

Thanks for making some time to chat yesterday. I'll keep in touch with Andrew and we'll put something together.

Take care,

Ryan Steadley  
Executive Director  
[STRONGER](#)  
405.249.6131

On Apr 5, 2017, at 6:15 PM, Bangerter, Layne <[bangerter.layne@epa.gov](mailto:bangerter.layne@epa.gov)> wrote:

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**From:** Ryan Steadley [<mailto:steadley@strongerinc.org>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 5, 2017 6:14 PM  
**To:** Bangerter, Layne <[bangerter.layne@epa.gov](mailto:bangerter.layne@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Hanson, Andrew <[Hanson.Andrew@epa.gov](mailto:Hanson.Andrew@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: State Review of Oil and Natural Gas Environmental Regulations (STRONGER) Introduction

Hi Layne,

Looking forward to meeting tomorrow. I'll be in the shale gas caucus session that wraps up at 8:45, will give you a call once they let us out.

Ryan Steadley  
Executive Director  
STRONGER  
405.249.6131

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Hanson, Andrew" <[Hanson.Andrew@epa.gov](mailto:Hanson.Andrew@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** FW: State Review of Oil and Natural Gas  
Environmental Regulations (STRONGER) Introduction

**Date:** April 4, 2017 at 10:30:19 AM EDT

**To:** Ryan Steadley <[steadley@strongerinc.org](mailto:steadley@strongerinc.org)>

**Cc:** "Wilkes, Quianna" <[Wilkes.Quianna@epa.gov](mailto:Wilkes.Quianna@epa.gov)>, "Bowles,  
Jack" <[Bowles.Jack@epa.gov](mailto:Bowles.Jack@epa.gov)>

Morning Ryan –

Plan to give Layne a call around **8:45 a.m. on Thursday morning**. He'll be at the hotel by then and you guys can have a seat and chat. His mobile is Personal Matters/Ex. 6. BTW, morning traffic on 95 from Springfield is a bear, so you might want to leave a little early.

In the unlikely event you don't reach him, and you don't recognize him or someone doesn't point him out to you, call me at (202) 604-5835 and I'll call him on his alternate mobile. Since you have his email address, shoot him a quick note on Wednesday evening as a reminder.

**From:** Hanson, Andrew  
**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2017 9:12 AM  
**To:** Wilkes, Quianna <[Wilkes.Quianna@epa.gov](mailto:Wilkes.Quianna@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Bangerter, Layne <[bangerter.layne@epa.gov](mailto:bangerter.layne@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** FW: State Review of Oil and Natural Gas Environmental Regulations (STRONGER) Introduction

Morning Qui –

Do you have a general idea as to when Layne will be over at ECOS/the Mayflower this week? We'd like to set aside a few minutes so he could meet with a fellow named Ryan Steadley from STRONGER (State Review of Oil & Natural Gas Env Regulations) of Okla City. Ryan would be available to meet with Layne on Thursday the 6<sup>th</sup> or Friday the 7<sup>th</sup> so let me know what you think about getting them together for a coffee/soda at the Mayflower, perhaps Thursday afternoon or Friday morning.

Ryan's email is [Steadley@strongerinc.org](mailto:Steadley@strongerinc.org). He will be staying with relatives in the area rather than the Mayflower, but his mobile phone is 405/249-6131.

Thank you,

AH

**From:** Bangerter, Layne  
**Sent:** Friday, March 31, 2017 11:16 AM  
**To:** Bowles, Jack <[Bowles.Jack@epa.gov](mailto:Bowles.Jack@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Hanson, Andrew <[Hanson.Andrew@epa.gov](mailto:Hanson.Andrew@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: State Review of Oil and Natural Gas Environmental Regulations (STRONGER) Introduction

Let's make that happen at the ECOS meeting.

**From:** Ryan Steadley [<mailto:steadley@strongerinc.org>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 30, 2017 3:26 PM  
**To:** Bangerter, Layne <[bangerter.layne@epa.gov](mailto:bangerter.layne@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Robinson, Bonnie <[Robinson.Bonnie@epa.gov](mailto:Robinson.Bonnie@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** State Review of Oil and Natural Gas Environmental Regulations (STRONGER) Introduction

Hi Layne,

Congratulations on your new position with EPA. My name is Ryan Steadley, I am the Executive Director of STRONGER. I wanted to introduce myself and the STRONGER organization, which has long been a partner with EPA. You're no doubt familiar with the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission (IOGCC) and Ground Water Protection Council (GWPC); STRONGER works closely with both of those groups. STRONGER was actually born out of a cooperative effort between IOGCC and EPA back in the early 90's. I will be in DC for the Environmental Council of the State (ECOS) meeting next week; if you are available, I'd love to make your acquaintance in person and tell you a little about STRONGER's work with the states and EPA.

Kind Regards,

Ryan Steadley  
Executive Director  
STRONGER  
405.249.6131

**To:** Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]  
**From:** Hanson, Andrew  
**Sent:** Mon 4/10/2017 5:17:16 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Meet and Greet with National Association of Counties

Will do

-----Original Message-----

From: Bangerter, Layne  
Sent: Monday, April 10, 2017 1:03 PM  
To: Hanson, Andrew <Hanson.Andrew@epa.gov>  
Subject: Re: Meet and Greet with National Association of Counties

We need to change this one I'm out of town the 21st through the 25th back here on the 26th

Sent from my iPhone

> On Apr 10, 2017, at 12:40 PM, Hanson, Andrew <Hanson.Andrew@epa.gov> wrote:  
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**To:** Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]  
**From:** Wilkes, Quianna  
**Sent:** Tue 3/14/2017 8:12:22 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Telecommuting

*Okay great. I'll get you the link so you can take the training and I'll get you more info for teleworking.*

**From:** Bangerter, Layne  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 14, 2017 4:00 PM  
**To:** Wilkes, Quianna <Wilkes.Quianna@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Telecommuting

Thanks I'd like to sign up and the more the better

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 14, 2017, at 3:52 PM, Wilkes, Quianna <[Wilkes.Quianna@epa.gov](mailto:Wilkes.Quianna@epa.gov)> wrote:

*It depends. With my union I can request up to 4 days per week. There's an online training you'll need to take and fill out the short application. Everyone is require to sign up for episodic telework but you can request permanent telework days. If you like I can look into how many hours your able to re quest. But I think you may be able to request as many days as you'd like. And if something was to pop up and you needed to work from home you can absolutely do that.*

*Let me know what you'd like me to do.*

**From:** Bangerter, Layne  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 14, 2017 3:13 PM  
**To:** Wilkes, Quianna <[Wilkes.Quianna@epa.gov](mailto:Wilkes.Quianna@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Telecommuting

How do I sign up for telecommuting and what is the maximum an employee can use telecommuting?

**To:** Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]  
**From:** U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
**Sent:** Wed 10/4/2017 8:17:03 PM  
**Subject:** EPA Hurricane Irma Update for Wednesday, October 4, 2017

**CONTACT:**  
Press (press@epa.gov)

## EPA Hurricane Irma Update for Wednesday, October 4, 2017

**WASHINGTON** (October 4, 2017)— U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) continues to coordinate closely with local, state, tribal, and federal partners in response to Hurricane Irma.

EPA has approximately 40 personnel involved in response efforts as of October 3, 2017. EPA personnel have integrated into unified operations with the United States Coast Guard (USCG) and Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) and continue to conduct land-based assessments in the inland zone of Monroe County. EPA has completed assessments in Marathon, Islamorada, Boca Chica, Pine Keys, and the Naval Air Station Key West.

*Lt. j.g. Samantha Cardoza discusses on-going assessment operations with Terry Tanner of the Environmental Protection Agency while Petty Officer 1st class Brian Moehler places an Assessment Sticker on the hull of a displaced vessel on the northern shore of Key West, Florida, Oct. 2, 2017. U.S. Coast Guard photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class David Weydert.*

To date, the EPA Container Recovery Group has collected 126 items including drums, oil containers and propane tanks. The collected items are being temporarily stored at the Florida Keys Marathon International Airport.

Additionally, Landfill Technical Specialists continue assistance with debris management. To date, the team has visited 10 Disaster Debris Management Sites and three Florida Department of Transportation staging areas.

*Terry Tanner of the Environmental Protection Agency and his Coast Guard counterparts finish an assessment of a vessel in Garrison Bight, a harbor on Key West, Florida, Oct. 2, 2017. Assessed vessels are prioritized for removal based on their threat to the environment and their hazard to navigation. U.S. Coast Guard video by Petty Officer 2nd Class David Weydert.*

EPA's water teams, along with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, have completed their assessment of local water infrastructure. A total of 2,227 assessments of drinking water and wastewater facilities were conducted.

For information and updates from EPA, visit: [www.epa.gov/hurricane-irma](http://www.epa.gov/hurricane-irma)

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Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20460 United States

**To:** Hupp, Millan[hupp.millan@epa.gov]  
**Cc:** Hale, Michelle[hale.michelle@epa.gov]; Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]; Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]; Weese, Eric[Weese.Eric@epa.gov]  
**From:** Hannon, Arnita  
**Sent:** Tue 3/14/2017 12:23:09 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Tomorrow's NLC Appearance

It's ok. Yes the first event-meet and greet-starts at 12:30. Luncheon appearance approximately 12:50. Layne has morning meetings so no worries at all as he will head to the hotel closer to the M&G start time. Thank you again and all set!

Arnita

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 13, 2017, at 8:16 PM, Hupp, Millan <[hupp.millan@epa.gov](mailto:hupp.millan@epa.gov)> wrote:

My apologies. I was thinking of the first engagement so 8AM for NLC is incorrect.

Layne will likely have to meet us at the Marriott for that one.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 13, 2017, at 8:05 PM, Hannon, Arnita <[Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov](mailto:Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov)> wrote:

My pleasure and so nice to finally meet in person! And thank YOU too! Ok we have Layne looped here so that way we can see if this will work for him.

Thank you!

Arnita

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 13, 2017, at 7:54 PM, Hupp, Millan <[hupp.millan@epa.gov](mailto:hupp.millan@epa.gov)> wrote:

Arnita,

Thank you for everything today. **Personal Security Detail/Ex. 6/Ex. 7C/Ex. 7E/Ex. 7F**

**Personal Security Detail/Ex. 6/Ex. 7C/Ex. 7E/Ex. 7F**

Millan

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 13, 2017, at 3:20 PM, Hannon, Arnita <[Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov](mailto:Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hi Michelle –

Our DAA for Intergovernmental Relations, Layne Bangerter is happy to ride with Administrator Pruitt tomorrow over to the hotel for the Meet & Greet and Luncheon appearance if that is ok. Might you please let us know what time we should have Layne come around to meet the Administrator and those traveling with him?

Thank you so much!

Arnita

M. Arnita Hannon

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**Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process**

202.501.1545 (Fax)

[hannon.arnita@epa.gov](mailto:hannon.arnita@epa.gov)



**To:** All HQ Employees[All\_HQ\_Employees@epa.gov]  
**From:** HQ\_Security\_Updates  
**Sent:** Mon 3/27/2017 6:45:25 PM  
**Subject:** Important-Please Read -- EPA HQ Security Notification of Closures and Changes for Tuesday, March 28

EPA Security has been notified that there will be a VIP visit to the WJC-East building on **Tuesday March 28, 2017**. The United States Secret Service and the Federal Protective Service will implement multiple security measures at this location, and there will be an increased security presence at the Federal Triangle Complex.

Due to the VIP's visit, the following entrances will be closed **ALL Day** on Tuesday, March 28, 2017:

- The WJC-East Employee entrance under the archway adjacent to the Mellon Auditorium, and
- The WJC East main lobby

Employees who occupy space in WJC East, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, will not be permitted on the first floor and should work with their management to determine alternative work arrangements, i.e., telework if possible.

The EPA mail room and print shop will be closed all day, as well. No mail or other deliveries will be accepted. Normal operations will resume on Wednesday, March 29 2017.

Additionally, the elevators in WJC East will not stop on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of WJC-East, and elevators 13,14, 15, and 16 will be out of service for the entire day on all floors.

The EPA shuttle bus DC pick-up/drop-off will be moved to the WJC-West building along 14<sup>th</sup> Street. The shuttle bus will not be stopping on 12<sup>th</sup> street or Constitution Avenue.

Finally, employees located in the WJC East (300 corridor) on floors 2 - 7, and WJC South (100 and 200 corridors) that **face the courtyard, must close window blinds beginning no later than 10:00 am (and remain closed all day).**

If you have questions, please send an email to [OARM-OA-HQ-OB@epa.gov](mailto:OARM-OA-HQ-OB@epa.gov)

**To:** Schuster, Cindy[Schuster.Cindy@epa.gov]; Behl, Betsy[Behl.Betsy@epa.gov]; Hisel-McCoy, Sara[Hisel-McCoy.Sara@epa.gov]; Southerland, Elizabeth[Southerland.Elizabeth@epa.gov]; Shapiro, Mike[Shapiro.Mike@epa.gov]; Opalski, Dan[Opalski.Dan@epa.gov]  
**Cc:** Matthews, Demond[matthews.demond@epa.gov]; Nagle, Deborah[Nagle.Deborah@epa.gov]; Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]; Bowles, Jack[Bowles.Jack@epa.gov]  
**From:** Hannon, Arnita  
**Sent:** Thur 4/6/2017 1:13:59 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Incoming Meeting Request from Mayor Condon (Spokane, WA) - EPA's Water Quality Standards

Update from Rrgion X: All- Cindy just reported that the Region has already reached out to the Spokane DPW Director for a meeting to discuss implementation flexibilities. She will keep us updated regarding whether this meeting happens before late spring when Mayor Condon wants a meeting when he is in DC, and any other developments.

Thanks!

Arnita

Sent from my iPhone

> On Apr 5, 2017, at 2:26 PM, Hannon, Arnita <Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov> wrote:

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> This message cannot be displayed because of the way it is formatted. Ask the sender to send it again using a different format or email program. message/rfc822

**To:** Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]  
**From:** Wilkes, Quianna  
**Sent:** Wed 5/3/2017 2:53:13 PM  
**Subject:** RE: REMINDER! Wednesday, May 3rd, 4:30-5:30 ET, LGAC Protecting America's Waters Workgroup Teleconference, **Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process** Non-responsive Conference Code/Ex.6 Agenda and meeting materials

It's a conference call so you can call from your cell. The information (call-in number and code) is located in this email.

-----Original Message-----

From: Bangerter, Layne  
Sent: Wednesday, May 03, 2017 10:52 AM  
To: Wilkes, Quianna <Wilkes.Quianna@epa.gov>  
Subject: Re: REMINDER! Wednesday, May 3rd, 4:30-5:30 ET, LGAC Protecting America's Waters Workgroup Teleconference, **Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process** Non-responsive Conference Code/Ex.6 Agenda and meeting materials

Ok! Please make sure I'm there otherwise call my cell

Sent from my iPhone

> On May 3, 2017, at 10:08 AM, Wilkes, Quianna <Wilkes.Quianna@epa.gov> wrote:  
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> Materials for todays meeting  
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> From: Eargle, Frances  
> Sent: Tuesday, May 2, 2017 5:17 PM  
> To: Layne Bangerter  
> <Layne\_Bangerter@crapo.senate.gov<mailto:Layne\_Bangerter@crapo.senate.gov>>  
> Cc: Bowles, Jack <Bowles.Jack@epa.gov<mailto:Bowles.Jack@epa.gov>>;  
> Matthews, Demond  
> <matthews.demond@epa.gov<mailto:matthews.demond@epa.gov>>  
> Subject: FW: REMINDER! Wednesday, May 3rd, 4:30-5:30 ET, LGAC  
> Protecting America's Waters Workgroup Teleconference, -Call  
> in- Personal Matters/Ex. 6, code Personal Matters/Ex. 6 Agenda and meeting materials  
>  
> Layne,  
>  
> Thank you so much for taking time to visit with the LGAC once again. This time it will be with the Members of the Water Workgroup (about 12 LGAC Members -see attached Bio's-highlighted).  
>  
> Here is your Annotated Agenda with a set of Talking Points for TOMORROW'S LGAC's Water Workgroup meeting, 4:30-5:30 ET. The call in number is: **Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process** code Non-responsive Conference Code/Ex.6  
>  
> We will be using Adobe Connect, if you are calling in from your desk you can link on to join :  
<http://epawebconferencing.acms.com/r3msxeocg2/> .  
>  
> Chairwoman Sue Hann and Mayor Elizabeth Kautz, vice-chair will call the meeting to order and then call on you for brief remarks and take questions. John Goodin, Acting Director, OWOW, will follow immediately to give a similar presentation as the federalism consultation on WOTUS and then they will discuss the LGAC charge to give input on a revised rule.  
>  
> If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 202-564-3115 or email me. I will be joining by teleconference as all the LGAC Members as well.

>  
> Again, thank you so much!  
>  
> Fran Eargle  
> DFO, LGAC  
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> From: Eargle, Frances  
> Sent: Monday, May 1, 2017 8:21 PM  
> To: Susan Hann  
> <Hann.Susan@brevardschools.org<mailto:Hann.Susan@brevardschools.org>>;  
> 'Elizabeth B. Kautz'  
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 > The agenda will focus on the LGAC's 1) Waters of the United States Charge and 2) LGAC input on the  
 > agency's Regulatory Reform process.  
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 > Thanks!  
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 > Fran Eargle  
 > 202-564-3115  
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 > Attachments:  
 > -Meeting Agenda  
 > -WOTUS April 10th Memo  
 > -WOTUS Slides

> -Regulatory Reform Memo  
> <WaterWG-AGENDA-May3-2017.pdf>  
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**To:** Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]  
**From:** Wilkes, Quianna  
**Sent:** Tue 3/21/2017 4:17:14 PM  
**Subject:** Conference call

*Hey Layne, I know you're super busy and I can take care of this myself but I was told that you need to be a part of this call. I left you a message this morning in regards to your SF-182 (training form). Do you have about 15 minutes to speak with me and Stephanie Wood?*

Quianna Elliott

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**To:** Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]  
**From:** Nephi Cole  
**Sent:** Thur 4/27/2017 6:14:23 PM  
**Subject:** Re: When are we meeting?

2:30 - I just got done with the governor and am headed your way.

Sent from my iPhone

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**Cc:** Bowles, Jack[Bowles.Jack@epa.gov]; Matthews, Demand[matthews.demand@epa.gov]  
**From:** Hannon, Arnita  
**Sent:** Thur 5/4/2017 6:19:17 PM  
**Subject:** FW: Resilient Water Management: Strengthening Communities and Growing Economies

Hi Layne!

FYI - I checked in with Carolyn and she said all fine if you and Demand and I want to register to attend this – for however much time we have to observe. No charges for the session so just sharing in case you wanted to register and we'll take you over for however much time you might have to take this in. Usually excellent panelists and on the Senate side so not far to travel.

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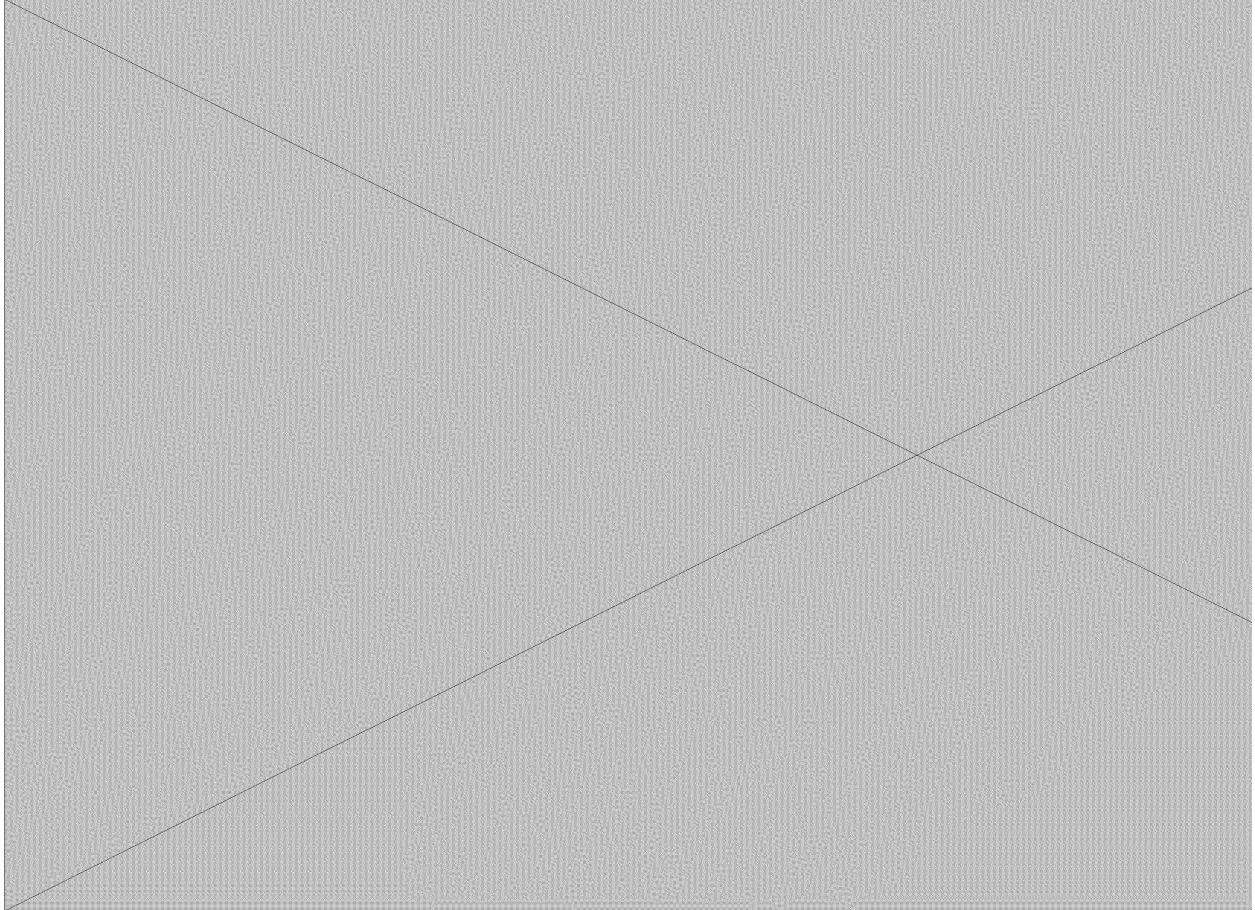
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**Subject:** Resilient Water Management: Strengthening Communities and Growing Economies



**Resilient Water Management:  
Strengthening Communities & Growing Economies**

*An Infrastructure Week Event*

Tuesday, May 16, 2017 | 2:00-3:30 p.m.  
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Today, cities across the nation are grappling with significant water challenges from aging infrastructure and poor water quality, to water scarcity or flooding. Not only do these challenges impact public health and quality of life, but they also threaten business growth. Added pressures from a changing climate only exacerbates these challenges, leaving communities more vulnerable to extreme storms, flooding and drought. At the same time, a growing number of companies recognize that water security is a core business input that cannot be taken for granted and are stepping up as valuable partners in protecting and restoring the watersheds vital to their

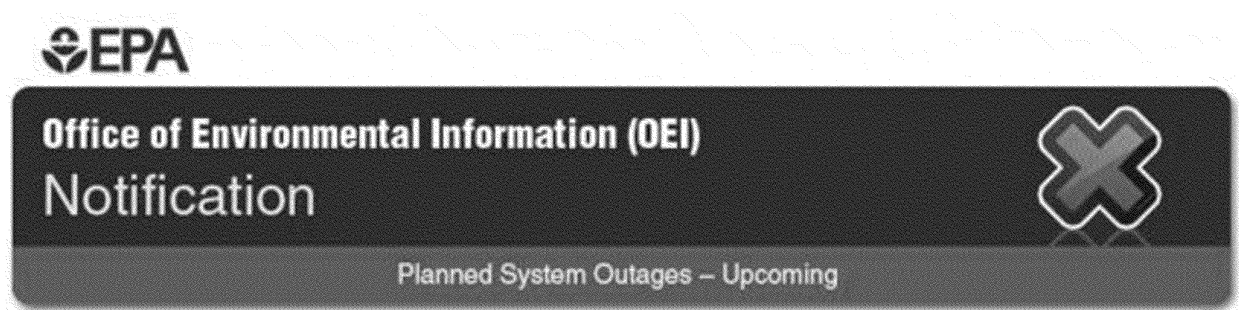
success.

The resilience of our cities and our businesses to withstand future water risks will highly depend on how water is managed today. How are local governments, businesses, and others using integrated water management strategies to address environmental challenges head on? How can these challenges promote economic growth and business sustainability? This panel discussion will feature government and business leaders who are adopting sustainable water practices to improve water infrastructure and secure the resilience of their communities.

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**To:** Ryan Steadley[steadley@strongerinc.org]  
**Cc:** Hanson, Andrew[Hanson.Andrew@epa.gov]; Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]; Robinson, Bonnie[Robinson.Bonnie@epa.gov]  
**From:** Kenney, James  
**Sent:** Fri 4/7/2017 4:29:25 PM  
**Subject:** RE: State Review of Oil and Natural Gas Environmental Regulations (STRONGER) Introduction

You're welcome, Ryan! It's my pleasure to work with you and your colleagues at STRONGER. I'll be in touch with you next week.

Thanks,

Jim

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**James C. Kenney**

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**Subject:** Re: State Review of Oil and Natural Gas Environmental Regulations (STRONGER)

## Introduction

Jim, that sounds like a good path forward. Thanks for all your work with STRONGER!

Ryan Steadley  
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On Apr 7, 2017, at 12:08 PM, Kenney, James <[Kenney.James@epa.gov](mailto:Kenney.James@epa.gov)> wrote:

Thanks Andrew, and hi Ryan!

In terms of topics, agenda, scheduling, etc.; happy to bring you, Bonnie Robinson (OLEM) and I together for a discussion. I am in frequent contact with Andrew and his colleagues in OCIR so happy to fold them when the time is right.

Bottom line – happy to help STRONGER in whatever way I can.

Thanks,

Jim

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**Subject:** RE: State Review of Oil and Natural Gas Environmental Regulations (STRONGER) Introduction

Hi Ryan –

To answer your question, with new E.O.'s on Waters of the U.S. and reg review as emergent issues, probably not before the week of 5/1. I suspect that several key AA's (OW, OLEM, OECA, OAR) **will not** have been named and/or have arrived even by then, so that might be a better time to talk.

Are you contemplating a DC visit or a teleconference? Regardless, I understand that OLEM has a "standing liaison" to STRONGER, so your best bet for the immediate term would be to follow-up with that person. If needed, Jim Kenney, cc'd above, can tell you who it is.

Let's touch base in a few weeks and see where things stand.

**From:** Ryan Steadley [<mailto:steadley@strongerinc.org>]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 07, 2017 10:57 AM  
**To:** Hanson, Andrew <[Hanson.Andrew@epa.gov](mailto:Hanson.Andrew@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: State Review of Oil and Natural Gas Environmental Regulations (STRONGER) Introduction

Andrew,

I'd like to get a meeting set up with Layne, Ken Wagner, and some other EPA staff, along with a few of STRONGER's Board members. No rush, it may be good to wait on scheduling anything until we know who will be the AA for OLEM anyway. I'll give you a shout next week and we can flesh it out. When's the best time for you to chat for a few minutes?

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On Apr 7, 2017, at 10:46 AM, Ryan Steadley <[steadley@strongerinc.org](mailto:steadley@strongerinc.org)> wrote:

Hi Layne,

Thanks for making some time to chat yesterday. I'll keep in touch with Andrew and we'll put something together.

Take care,

Ryan Steadley  
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On Apr 5, 2017, at 6:15 PM, Bangerter, Layne <[bangerter.layne@epa.gov](mailto:bangerter.layne@epa.gov)> wrote:

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**Sent:** Wednesday, April 5, 2017 6:14 PM  
**To:** Bangerter, Layne <[bangerter.layne@epa.gov](mailto:bangerter.layne@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Hanson, Andrew <[Hanson.Andrew@epa.gov](mailto:Hanson.Andrew@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: State Review of Oil and Natural Gas Environmental Regulations (STRONGER) Introduction

Hi Layne,

Looking forward to meeting tomorrow. I'll be in the shale gas caucus session that wraps up at 8:45, will give you a call once they let us out.

Ryan Steadley  
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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Hanson, Andrew" <[Hanson.Andrew@epa.gov](mailto:Hanson.Andrew@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** FW: State Review of Oil and Natural Gas Environmental Regulations (STRONGER) Introduction

**Date:** April 4, 2017 at 10:30:19 AM EDT

**To:** Ryan Steadley <[steadley@strongerinc.org](mailto:steadley@strongerinc.org)>

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Morning Ryan –

Plan to give Layne a call around **8:45 a.m. on Thursday morning**. He'll be at the hotel by then and you guys can have a seat and chat. His mobile is Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process BTW, morning traffic on 95 from Springfield is a bear, so you might want to leave a little early.

In the unlikely event you don't reach him, and you don't recognize him or someone doesn't point him out to you, call me at (202) 604-5835 and I'll call him on his alternate mobile. Since you have his email address, shoot him a quick note on Wednesday evening as a reminder.

**From:** Hanson, Andrew  
**Sent:** Monday, April 03, 2017 9:12 AM  
**To:** Wilkes, Quianna <[Wilkes.Quianna@epa.gov](mailto:Wilkes.Quianna@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Bangerter, Layne <[bangerter.layne@epa.gov](mailto:bangerter.layne@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** FW: State Review of Oil and Natural Gas Environmental Regulations (STRONGER) Introduction

Morning Qui –

Do you have a general idea as to when Layne will be over at ECOS/the Mayflower this week? We'd like to set aside a few minutes so he could meet with a fellow named Ryan Steadley from STRONGER (State Review of Oil & Natural Gas Env Regulations) of Okla City. Ryan would be available to meet with Layne on Thursday the 6<sup>th</sup> or Friday the 7<sup>th</sup>, so let me know what you think about getting them together for a coffee/soda at the Mayflower, perhaps Thursday afternoon or Friday morning.

Ryan's email is [Steadley@strongerinc.org](mailto:Steadley@strongerinc.org). He will be staying with relatives in the area rather than the Mayflower, but his mobile phone is:

Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process

Thank you,

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**From:** Bangerter, Layne  
**Sent:** Friday, March 31, 2017 11:16 AM  
**To:** Bowles, Jack <[Bowles.Jack@epa.gov](mailto:Bowles.Jack@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Hanson, Andrew <[Hanson.Andrew@epa.gov](mailto:Hanson.Andrew@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: State Review of Oil and Natural Gas Environmental Regulations (STRONGER) Introduction

Let's make that happen at the ECOS meeting.

**From:** Ryan Steadley [<mailto:steadley@strongerinc.org>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 30, 2017 3:26 PM  
**To:** Bangerter, Layne <[bangerter.layne@epa.gov](mailto:bangerter.layne@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Robinson, Bonnie <[Robinson.Bonnie@epa.gov](mailto:Robinson.Bonnie@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** State Review of Oil and Natural Gas Environmental Regulations (STRONGER) Introduction

Hi Layne,

Congratulations on your new position with EPA. My name is Ryan Steadley, I am the Executive Director of STRONGER. I wanted to introduce myself and the STRONGER organization, which has long been a partner with EPA. You're no doubt familiar with the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission (IOGCC) and Ground Water Protection Council (GWPC); STRONGER works closely with both of those groups. STRONGER was actually born out of a cooperative effort between IOGCC and EPA back in the early 90's. I will be in DC for the Environmental Council of the State (ECOS) meeting next week; if you are available, I'd love to make your acquaintance in person and tell you a little about STRONGER's work with the states and EPA.

Kind Regards,

Ryan Steadley  
Executive Director  
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**To:** Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]  
**From:** Bowles, Jack  
**Sent:** Mon 4/10/2017 4:38:52 PM  
**Subject:** FW: ECOS coverage

FYI, per your earlier inquiry about the ECOS meeting.

**From:** Barbery, Andrea  
**Sent:** Friday, April 07, 2017 7:14 PM  
**To:** Richardson, RobinH <Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov>; Bowles, Jack <Bowles.Jack@epa.gov>; Bangerter, Layne <bangerter.layne@epa.gov>; Osinski, Michael <Osinski.Michael@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** ECOS coverage

From Greenpeace, via a reporter:

"EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt's speech at the Environmental Council of the States Friday was disrupted several times by protestors calling him "Public Health Enemy Number 1" and demanding the EPA focus on public health instead of corporate polluters. Attendees were treated to apples and oranges with labels that said: "Chlorpyrifos: Protected by Pruitt" and included the Dow Chemical logo."

On a positive note, the E&E covered it well.

## Pruitt talks up partnership with state regulators

Kevin Bogardus, E&E News reporter

Published: Friday, April 7, 2017

U.S. EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt spoke to state environmental regulators today, espousing his pitch for "cooperative federalism" as agency chief.

In a speech at the Environmental Council of the States' spring meeting in Washington, Pruitt said he aims to work with state agencies on cutting back pollution as well as rebuilding the country's water infrastructure.

The administrator laid out three principles for what he has planned for EPA, including adhering to the "rule of law" and improving the rulemaking process at the agency. He

also looked to appeal to state environmental agency leaders by saying he valued the partnership between EPA and the states.

"Beyond rule of law, beyond process, is something that's very near and dear to your heart, and that's federalism. That's cooperative federalism. Partnership," Pruitt said.

John Linc Stine, commissioner of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, introduced U.S. EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt today at the Environmental Council of the States' spring meeting in Washington. Photo courtesy of @ECOSates via Twitter.

Pruitt noted he already has met with several state regulators as well as governors to build up this relationship.

"Those agencies care about the water that they drink and the air that they breathe. They care about the land in those respective states," Pruitt said. "There is going to be an element of partnership and confidence of us working together."

Pruitt said he wants to move forward on cleaning up toxic Superfund sites across the country. Also, he wants to combat air pollution by bringing more states in line with EPA air quality standards. The agency chief also noted President Trump's push for an infrastructure package and that spending will be doled out to the states in order to improve water infrastructure.

"I really am encouraged that this year, an infrastructure package will pass, and a portion of it will be dedicated to water infrastructure," Pruitt said.

Pruitt is playing a part in the Trump administration's infrastructure push and met with the president earlier this week. In a question-and-answer session after his speech, Pruitt said EPA is working on streamlining the permitting process to get projects out the door and said Trump wants to move quickly on spending.

"[Trump] actually talked about 120 days being the time limit that we want to actually deploy this infrastructure spending. That's very aggressive, clearly," Pruitt said.

Now, more than two months since his Senate confirmation, Pruitt has had to deal with environmental groups pushing back on moves to slow and stop some EPA rules, as well as complaints from some conservatives that he hasn't moved quickly enough on their concerns, including overturning EPA's 2009 endangerment finding against carbon dioxide.

Even during his speech today, he was interrupted twice by protesters who were led out of the room. J.P. Freire, an EPA spokesman, said they were "desperate activists" trying to hijack the event while Pruitt discussed "ways to work with the states toward real solutions that would help grow jobs and protect the environment."

One obstacle for Pruitt's effort to partner with the states is Trump's proposed budget for EPA, slashing the agency's funds by 31 percent, or \$2.6 billion. Many grant programs used by state agencies would be cut or even eliminated under the proposal ([\*Greenwire\*](#), April 4).

John Linc Stine, commissioner of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency as well as

ECOS's president, told E&E News that it is still early in the budget process. He said that state agencies are talking with Capitol Hill as well as EPA on how to boost funding.

"The first proposed budget leaves a huge gap in terms of state and tribal funding," Stine said. "That's a significant hardship for states to fill that gap."

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**From:** Barbery, Andrea  
**Sent:** Tue 3/14/2017 8:10:07 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Administrator is CONFIRMED for 3:00 - 3:30p.m. on Tues/21 ECOS All-Members Call

This is helpful – thanks, Alex! We'll get these around internally; let's connect later in the week on next steps.

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**Subject:** Re: Administrator is CONFIRMED for 3:00 - 3:30p.m. on Tues/21 ECOS All-Members Call

Here are the questions we've put together. Let's discuss next steps.

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On Thu, Mar 9, 2017 at 3:42 PM, Barbery, Andrea <[Barbery.Andrea@epa.gov](mailto:Barbery.Andrea@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hi Alex,

Thank you for inviting Administrator Pruitt to participate on April's All-Members call on **Tuesday, April 21**. I am confirming his participation for the first half-hour, from **3:00 – 3:30 p.m.** (Eastern). We look forward to hearing from your members what topics they'd like him to address.

Thanks,

Andrea Barbery

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**To:** Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]  
**Cc:** Bowles, Jack[Bowles.Jack@epa.gov]  
**From:** Hannon, Arnita  
**Sent:** Wed 3/22/2017 6:12:45 PM  
**Subject:** FW: Meeting Request March 28 on behalf of Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner

Hi Layne –

Making sure you are looped as we sort this out from our end. Thanks!

Arnita

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hannon.arnita@epa.gov

**From:** Hannon, Arnita

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 22, 2017 2:12 PM

**To:** Richardson, RobinH <Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov>; Bowles, Jack  
<Bowles.Jack@epa.gov>

**Cc:** Cheatham-Strickland, Latonia <Cheatham-Strickland.Latonia@epa.gov>

**Subject:** RE: Meeting Request March 28 on behalf of Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner

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**From:** Richardson, RobinH

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 22, 2017 11:46 AM

**To:** Bowles, Jack <[Bowles.Jack@epa.gov](mailto:Bowles.Jack@epa.gov)>; Hannon, Arnita <[Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov](mailto:Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov)>

**Cc:** Cheatham-Strickland, Latonia <[Cheatham-Strickland.Latonia@epa.gov](mailto:Cheatham-Strickland.Latonia@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** Fwd: Meeting Request March 28 on behalf of Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner

Hi - FYI

Robin H Richardson

PDAA, EPA/OCIR

(202) 564-3358 (desk)

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[richardson.robinh@epa.gov](mailto:richardson.robinh@epa.gov)

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Bennett, Elizabeth" <[bennett.elizabeth@epa.gov](mailto:bennett.elizabeth@epa.gov)>  
**Date:** March 22, 2017 at 10:59:46 AM EDT  
**To:** "Dickerson, Aaron" <[dickerson.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:dickerson.aaron@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** "Richardson, RobinH" <[Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov](mailto:Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov)>, "Hupp, Sydney" <[hupp.sydney@epa.gov](mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Meeting Request March 28 on behalf of Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner

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Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 22, 2017, at 10:40 AM, Dickerson, Aaron <[dickerson.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:dickerson.aaron@epa.gov)> wrote:

Good morning.

**Deliberative Process Privilege/Ex. 5**

Aaron Dickerson

Office of the Administrator

U.S. EPA

Phone: 202-564-1783

Fax: 202-501-1338

**From:** Rossetti, Michael [<mailto:mrossetti@AKINGUMP.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 20, 2017 11:45 AM  
**To:** scheduling <[scheduling@epa.gov](mailto:scheduling@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Jackson, Ryan <[jackson.ryan@epa.gov](mailto:jackson.ryan@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Meeting Request March 28 on behalf of Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner  
**Importance:** High

Hello, I understand that Mayor Turner has had various meetings scheduled for the 28<sup>th</sup>. Based on his schedule, he would be available for a meeting with Administrator Pruitt anytime between 2:30 p.m. until 6 p.m. Many thanks.

Regards,

Michael

**Michael G. Rossetti**

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**From:** Rossetti, Michael  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 16, 2017 10:51 AM  
**To:** '[jackson.ryan@epa.gov](mailto:jackson.ryan@epa.gov)'  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting Request March 28 on behalf of Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner

Hello, Ryan. I know that you are exceptionally busy but I wanted to check in on this.

Michael

**Michael G. Rossetti**

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**From:** Rossetti, Michael

**Sent:** Monday, March 13, 2017 11:02 AM

**To:** [jackson.ryan@epa.gov](mailto:jackson.ryan@epa.gov)

**Subject:** Meeting Request March 28 on behalf of Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner

Hello, Ryan. I hope that you are well!

We represent the City of Houston, Texas. The Mayor of Houston, Sylvester Turner, will be in D.C. on March 28 and would like to meet with EPA Administrator Pruitt. His meeting schedule is such that he could do any time in the morning. The purpose of the meeting is to brief the Administrator on the former Administration's aggressive and overreaching stance in attempting to force Houston to agree to a burdensome and costly consent agreement with open-ended costs and liability.

I am told that the EPA and DOJ have been attempting to negotiate a consent agreement with the City related to Sanitary Sewer

Overflows that have resulted from the City's aging infrastructure and the City's flat geography and severe weather (severe, dense thunderstorms common to coastal cities). The City's attempts to negotiate in good faith with the EPA ran up against the EPA's insistence on subjecting the City to open-ended costs and liabilities over more than 20 years. We believe that to be punitive and would force the city to pass on the cost to its residents, increasing water and sewer rates across the board.

The Mayor would like to brief the Administrator on the situation in the hope of working together to resolve this issue in an appropriate manner.

I look forward to hearing from you and please pass on my regards to the Administrator (who I know best as General Pruitt).

Michael

**Michael G. Rossetti**

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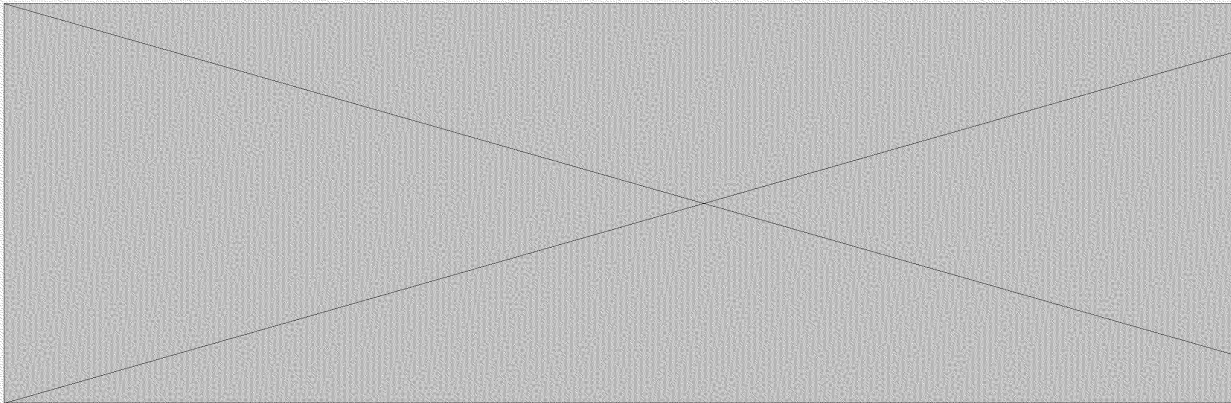
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**To:** Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]  
**From:** NLC - National League of Cities  
**Sent:** Tue 3/14/2017 12:16:36 AM  
**Subject:** Snow, Workshops and General Sessions--Here's What's in Store for Tomorrow!

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## CCC Day Four: Let it Snow, Let it Snow!

**Tomorrow is the last day before Capitol Hill Advocacy Day—It's Time to Pack it all in!**

### **Logistics First**

#### **Transportation**

Shuttle buses will run unless Washington declares a state of emergency--which means we will see you bright and early!

#### **If you're headed to Capitol Hill on Wednesday**

Make sure to pick up up your Capitol Hill Day schedule at the Advocacy Desk located next to registration. If the snow is making you head out earlier than expected and you have to cancel your

meeting, please let us know, also at the Advocacy Desk.

**Remember: CDBG and Other City Funding**

Join NLC in protecting critical investment in cities by signing your name to the Action Sign on Letter to Save City Funding. Read the letter and stop by the Advocacy Central Desk to add your name.

**Closing General Session**

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt will kick-off the afternoon with remarks--and then we'll hear from author of *Hillbilly Elegy* J.D. Vance. Get ready for an exciting afternoon with eye-opening speakers who will make you think.

**12:30 - 2:15 p.m.**

**You Came Here to Forge Federal Bonds--Our Sessions Will Help You Prepare**

**Federal Advocacy 101**

Wednesday is Capitol Hill Advocacy Day--are you ready? This session will prepare you to start or continue a strong working relationship with your legislators, develop your own personalized 'elevator speech' and find out more about NLC's resources for your city to make an impact!

**10:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.**

**Washington 2**

**Tackling the Crisis Together: Town Hall on Opioid Crisis**

Following the Panel on the Opioid Crisis today, take a deeper dive on the opioid epidemic so you can better understand your capacity as a leader.

**10:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.**

**Delaware Suite B**

**Transportation, Meet Technology: Considering Policy in a Changing Environment**

Hear from a panel of planning, technology and transit experts about best practices you should consider when planning for the future of transportation in your community.

**10:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.**

**Maryland Suite A, B and C**

See the full schedule [here](#) or on the app.

Plus, check out the **Capitol Steps Comedy Performance**--with so many things going on in Washington this year, it's sure to be a good time. Doors open at 5:30!

**6:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

**Marriott Ballroom**

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This message was intended for: [bangerter.layne@epa.gov](mailto:bangerter.layne@epa.gov)  
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**To:** Hanson, Andrew[Hanson.Andrew@epa.gov]  
**Cc:** Talty, Mark[Talty.Mark@epa.gov]; Kupchan, Simma[Kupchan.Simma@epa.gov]; Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]; Bowles, Jack[Bowles.Jack@epa.gov]; Nickerson, William[Nickerson.William@epa.gov]; Jutras, Nathaniel[Jutras.Nathaniel@epa.gov]; Eisenberg, Mindy[Eisenberg.Mindy@epa.gov]; Goodin, John[Goodin.John@epa.gov]; Downing, Donna[Downing.Donna@epa.gov]  
**From:** Christensen, Damaris  
**Sent:** Fri 3/24/2017 4:47:39 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Fyi draft federalism paper -- COMMS FAILURE

Drew, I'm sorry for any communication gap on my end as well and am glad we sent you docs to review so it was clarified quickly. When things are flying by quickly important details can get lost.

I'll give you a call but I'm confident a meeting Monday will be helpful for all parties.

Damaris

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 24, 2017, at 12:27 PM, Hanson, Andrew <[Hanson.Andrew@epa.gov](mailto:Hanson.Andrew@epa.gov)> wrote:

Damaris,

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Recognizing that a communicative disconnect clearly occurred (I'll take responsibility for my half), and with **Layne** telling me (like 5 seconds ago) that he **just spoke with Samantha and secured her support for a revised schedule**, it probably would still be helpful to meet Monday as scheduled to discuss the particulars. If you think this new information obviates the need for us to meet on Monday, and/or if you just want to discuss in greater detail, please give me a call.

Thanks,

AH

**From:** Christensen, Damaris  
**Sent:** Friday, March 24, 2017 10:56 AM  
**To:** Hanson, Andrew <[Hanson.Andrew@epa.gov](mailto:Hanson.Andrew@epa.gov)>; Talty, Mark <[Talty.Mark@epa.gov](mailto:Talty.Mark@epa.gov)>;  
Kupchan, Simma <[Kupchan.Simma@epa.gov](mailto:Kupchan.Simma@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Fyi draft federalism paper

Afraid all I can do from my phone is forward a track changes version but given that I'm out for an hour and timeframes are tight I'm forwarding this along for your quick review. We are hoping to send up by 3.

**From:** Howard, James  
**Sent:** Wed 5/3/2017 2:14:33 PM  
**Subject:** Fwd: EPA Headquarters William Jefferson Clinton South Drill for Employee Active Shooter Response Actions, Today @ 3:00 pm

FYI--- reminder

Have a great day.

“Service First, People Always”

James T. Howard

[Howard.James@EPA.GOV](mailto:Howard.James@EPA.GOV)

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** HQ\_Security\_Updates <[HQ\\_Security\\_Updates@epa.gov](mailto:HQ_Security_Updates@epa.gov)>  
**Date:** May 3, 2017 at 8:57:15 AM EDT  
**To:** All HQ Employees <[All\\_HQ\\_Employees@epa.gov](mailto:All_HQ_Employees@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** EPA Headquarters William Jefferson Clinton South Drill for Employee Active Shooter Response Actions, Today @ 3:00 pm

Just a friendly reminder, that there will be an active shooter preparedness drill today, beginning at 3:00pm, for the 6<sup>th</sup> floor of the William Jefferson Clinton South Building. The start and conclusion of the drill will be announced over the Public Address System.

The drill is intended to allow employees on that floor to practice the Department of Homeland Security, "Run, Hide, Fight" response for active shooter situations. Only employees and contractors who have attended the required training sessions may participate.

Loud noises associated with the drill, including simulated gunfire and shouting may be heard as part of the drill. Please avoid the area if you are not a participant.

Law enforcement, including CID, OIG and FPS will be present and are supporting OARM's Office of Administration in conducting the drill.

More information about EPA's Active Shooter preparedness, including information and training on Run, Hide fight can be found at:  
<http://intranet.epa.gov/oa/smd/hqsecurity/active-shooter-response-training.html>

Questions about today's drill can be directed to Bill Bellerose at (202) 566-2191, or by calling the HQ Building Services Desk at (202)564-2100.

Thank you for your cooperation.

**To:** MassMailer[massmailer@epa.gov]  
**From:** MassMailer  
**Sent:** Thur 10/5/2017 3:00:35 PM  
**Subject:** Employee Action Item: Lotus Notes Email



**Message from:** Steve Fine – Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Environmental Information

Dear Colleagues,

The agency is in the process of retiring Lotus Notes. As part of this process, in early calendar year 2018, the Office of Environmental Information (OEI) plans to start migrating your Lotus Notes emails dating from January 2007 or later into your Outlook archive folder, where you will be able to access them easily. The migration is expected to extend through much of the calendar year. With some exceptions explained below, you will not be able to access your email from within Lotus Notes after Dec. 31, 2017.

OEI has coordinated the retirement of Lotus Notes email with the agency's Working Capital Fund (WCF) Board, which includes the Senior Information Officials (SIOs) from each region and program office. To ensure email that remains in Lotus Notes is handled appropriately, and to support the migration process, a team of employees from multiple disciplines has developed the following approaches.

**Lotus Notes email:** The agency will secure about 2,300 Lotus Notes licenses so employees who need to access Lotus Notes email after Dec. 31 to respond to official document requests, such as Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests, can do so. OEI and the SIOs will develop a process for distributing these licenses.

**Lotus Notes databases and other applications:** OEI is coordinating with the WCF Board to ensure that people who need access to Lotus Notes databases and other applications after Dec. 31, 2017, can do so. OEI will provide additional information in the future regarding those applications. If you have immediate questions regarding continued access to Lotus Notes databases and other applications, please coordinate with your Information Management Officer (IMO). [View the list of IMOs for each region and program office.](#)

As noted above, OEI intends to migrate Lotus Notes emails dated January 2007 or later to Outlook in calendar year 2018. Prior to Jan. 1, 2007, email records were under the print/file approach for records management. Therefore, email generated before Jan. 1, 2007, will not be migrated except those required for litigation hold or other preservation obligations.

## How to prepare for migration

We need your assistance before Dec. 31 to prepare the agency for the migration of Lotus Notes emails dated January 2007 or later. Below are some actions that need to take place before the migration begins:

•**□□□□□□□□ Email records from 2007 up to and including 2013 with a retention period longer than 10 years:** In 2018, the agency will implement a new approach for managing email records called Capstone. The National Archives and Records Administration approved EPA's implementation of this approach. You will receive more information about Capstone in the coming weeks. To accommodate Capstone and properly manage the Lotus Notes email migration, you must save emails that are subject to a retention schedule that exceeds 10 years in the Enterprise Content Management System (ECMS) or another approved record keeping system. The links below provide additional information:

- o [Information on what constitutes a record.](#)
- o [A retention matrix listing the records schedules that exceed 10 years.](#)
- o [How to save Lotus Notes email records in ECMS.](#)
- o [FAQs on email and records.](#)

•**□□□□□□□□ Emails subject to litigation hold:** You must continue to retain emails that are subject to a litigation hold or other preservation obligation in your Lotus Notes email box. If you are subject to a litigation hold, OEI will migrate your entire Lotus Notes mailbox to Outlook, including emails older than 2007 (if applicable).

You can [check the EPA's litigation hold portal](#) for links to your litigation holds. You should have also received an email notice from the issuing attorney notifying you of the existence and scope of any litigation holds.

Litigation holds are legal obligations. If you have any questions about your litigation hold obligations, contact the EPA case attorney who issued the litigation hold. If you have technical questions or are

unable to access the litigation hold portal link (above), please contact [eDiscovery@epa.gov](mailto:eDiscovery@epa.gov) for technical support.

- **██████████ Emails subject to an official information request (such as a pending or recently closed FOIA request or appeal):** If you have emails concerning or responsive to a pending FOIA request, a recently closed FOIA request (within 90 days), or a FOIA appeal, you must continue to retain those emails. If you have questions related to FOIA records, please contact the EPA employee or program office that is coordinating the particular FOIA response.

Lastly, to assist with the migration effort, employees should clean up their Lotus Notes email to remove junk emails and other emails that do not need to be migrated. We strongly encourage you to do the following before the migration begins:

- **██████████ Emails not subject to any preservation obligation:** You should delete emails that are not subject to any preservation obligations, such as mass mailers, news articles, PAVE announcements, or other emails that are not records.

- **██████████ Personal emails:** You should delete personal messages that are not relevant to EPA's work.

If you have questions about the Lotus Notes email migration, please contact [Liza Hearn](mailto:hearns.liza@epa.gov)s at [hearns.liza@epa.gov](mailto:hearns.liza@epa.gov). Direct questions about records management to the [records@epa.gov](mailto:records@epa.gov) mailbox or by phone at 202-566-1494.

Find additional information on the [Preparing for Lotus Notes Email Migration SharePoint site](#).

I encourage you to begin preparing your Lotus Notes email box for migration as soon as possible.

Thank you again for your continued support.



**From:** Levine, Carolyn  
**Location:** Rayburn 2125  
**Importance:** High  
**Subject:** Canceled: Technical Assistance meeting with House E&C staff re: H.R. 848 (includes travel time)  
**Start Date/Time:** Wed 3/22/2017 7:15:00 PM  
**End Date/Time:** Wed 3/22/2017 8:45:00 PM

**To:** Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]  
**From:** Skip Brandt  
**Sent:** Thur 5/4/2017 6:17:52 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Interesting

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Skip Brandt

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**From:** Bangerter, Layne [mailto:bangerter.layne@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 4, 2017 10:48 AM  
**To:** Skip Brandt <skip@skipbrandt.us>  
**Subject:** RE: Interesting

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**From:** Skip Brandt [mailto:skip@skipbrandt.us]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 4, 2017 11:49 AM  
**To:** Bangerter, Layne <bangerter.layne@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Interesting

## Personal Matters/Ex. 6

Skip Brandt

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**TRUMP**  
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**From:** Bangerter, Layne [<mailto:bangerter.layne@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 3, 2017 9:31 PM  
**To:** Skip Brandt **Personal Matters/Ex. 6**  
**Subject:** Re: Interesting

## Personal Matters/Ex. 6

Sent from my iPhone

On May 3, 2017, at 11:55 PM, Skip Brandt **Personal Matters/Ex. 6** > wrote:

<http://www.ridenbaugh.com/index.php/2017/05/03/cowboys-vs-loggers/>

Skip Brandt

**Personal Matters/Ex. 6**

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**To:** Cheatham-Strickland, Latonia[Cheatham-Strickland.Latonia@epa.gov]; Bennett, Tate[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]; Shimmin, Kaitlyn[shimmin.kaitlyn@epa.gov]; Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]  
**Cc:** Matthews, Demond[matthews.demond@epa.gov]; Wilkes, Quianna[Wilkes.Quianna@epa.gov]  
**From:** Hannon, Arnita  
**Sent:** Thur 4/27/2017 5:58:04 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Transportation Request

Thanks so much Latonia!

M. Arnita Hannon

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**From:** Cheatham-Strickland, Latonia  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 27, 2017 1:57 PM  
**To:** Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Shimmin, Kaitlyn <shimmin.kaitlyn@epa.gov>; Bangerter, Layne <bangerter.layne@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Hannon, Arnita <Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov>; Matthews, Demond <matthews.demond@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: Transportation Request

FYI

**From:** [aldridge.matthew@epa.gov](mailto:aldridge.matthew@epa.gov) [mailto:[aldridge.matthew@epa.gov](mailto:aldridge.matthew@epa.gov)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 27, 2017 1:40 PM  
**To:** Cheatham-Strickland, Latonia <[Cheatham-Strickland.Latonia@epa.gov](mailto:Cheatham-Strickland.Latonia@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Transportation Request

Your transportation request has been Updated.

Reason for update : Pick Up Time changed  
Confirmation Number: 75093

### **Passenger Information**

- Name: TROY LYONS/AA
- Number: 2025647930
- Pickup Time: 2017-04-27 14:05:00.0
- Pickup Location: COURTYARD
- Drop-Off Location: EEOB

### **Vehicle Information**

- Tag: Personal Matters/Ex. 6
- Vehicle Type: 15 PASS VAN
- Make : CHEVROLET
- Model : G3500
- Color : WHITE

**To:** Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]  
**From:** Sandra Mitchell  
**Sent:** Tue 4/4/2017 9:34:37 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Speaker

You are amazing. Will give him all the information! Thank you...again, I owe you.

**From:** Bangerter, Layne [mailto:bangerter.layne@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 04, 2017 3:32 PM  
**To:** Sandra Mitchell <smitchel@alscott.com>; Davis, Patrick <davis.patrick@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Speaker

Sandra: I found my replacement and it is a good one. Patrick Davis has been with me on the transition team, he hails from Colorado and has agreed to address the Snowmobile Association in my absence. He is wonderful. Could you two please connect on making this happen?

Thanks to both of you!

Layne Bangerter

**To:** Ferguson, Lincoln[ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov]; Hanson, Andrew[Hanson.Andrew@epa.gov]; Goodin, John[Goodin.John@epa.gov]  
**Cc:** Bowles, Jack[Bowles.Jack@epa.gov]; Downing, Donna[Downing.Donna@epa.gov]; Christensen, Damaris[Christensen.Damaris@epa.gov]; Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]; Ruf, Christine[Ruf.Christine@epa.gov]; Hope, Brian[Hope.Brian@epa.gov]  
**From:** Eisenberg, Mindy  
**Sent:** Fri 4/7/2017 4:25:45 PM  
**Subject:** RE: WOTUS letter - signature process  
UPDATED FEDCON (002).docx

I formatted the letter to accommodate Agency letter head and put it in Times Roman 12 font which is standard for all correspondence, so there is more text that carries onto the second page so it doesn't look cut off.

Mindy Eisenberg

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**From:** Ferguson, Lincoln  
**Sent:** Friday, April 07, 2017 12:22 PM  
**To:** Hanson, Andrew <Hanson.Andrew@epa.gov>; Goodin, John <Goodin.John@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Bowles, Jack <Bowles.Jack@epa.gov>; Eisenberg, Mindy <Eisenberg.Mindy@epa.gov>; Downing, Donna <Downing.Donna@epa.gov>; Christensen, Damaris <Christensen.Damaris@epa.gov>; Bangerter, Layne <bangerter.layne@epa.gov>; Ruf, Christine <Ruf.Christine@epa.gov>; Hope, Brian <Hope.Brian@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: WOTUS letter - signature process

This version has been approved by the Administrator but needs to be condensed to all fit on one page. Can somebody assist in doing that?

Once that is done we can have it ready for him to sign.

**From:** Hanson, Andrew

**Sent:** Thursday, April 6, 2017 10:08 PM

**To:** Goodin, John <[Goodin.John@epa.gov](mailto:Goodin.John@epa.gov)>

**Cc:** Bowles, Jack <[Bowles.Jack@epa.gov](mailto:Bowles.Jack@epa.gov)>; Eisenberg, Mindy <[Eisenberg.Mindy@epa.gov](mailto:Eisenberg.Mindy@epa.gov)>; Downing, Donna <[Downing.Donna@epa.gov](mailto:Downing.Donna@epa.gov)>; Christensen, Damaris <[Christensen.Damaris@epa.gov](mailto:Christensen.Damaris@epa.gov)>; Bangerter, Layne <[bangerter.layne@epa.gov](mailto:bangerter.layne@epa.gov)>; Ruf, Christine <[Ruf.Christine@epa.gov](mailto:Ruf.Christine@epa.gov)>; Hope, Brian <[Hope.Brian@epa.gov](mailto:Hope.Brian@epa.gov)>; Ferguson, Lincoln <[ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov](mailto:ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: WOTUS letter - signature process

Hi John,

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The signed/mailed hard copy letters referred to below will be, as a practical matter, a superfluous part of the actual notification process.

EOn Apr 6, 2017, at 5:41 PM, Goodin, John <[Goodin.John@epa.gov](mailto:Goodin.John@epa.gov)> wrote:

Folks—below is where the process stands for sending out the Federalism invite letter tomorrow.

Jack—Brian Hope indicated he'd circulate the pdf since you'll want to send digitally as well. He also mentioned that Lincoln said the Administrator may have thoughts on the

recipient list (now dropped from the letter itself).

Andrew and Damaris are taking a first cut at drafting presentation materials for the 19<sup>th</sup>,

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Thanks

John

**From:** Knapp, Kristien

**Sent:** Thursday, April 06, 2017 5:28 PM

**To:** Hope, Brian <[Hope.Brian@epa.gov](mailto:Hope.Brian@epa.gov)>; Gaines, Cynthia <[Gaines.Cynthia@epa.gov](mailto:Gaines.Cynthia@epa.gov)>; Threet, Derek <[Threet.Derek@epa.gov](mailto:Threet.Derek@epa.gov)>; Burden, Susan <[Burden.Susan@epa.gov](mailto:Burden.Susan@epa.gov)>; Goodin, John <[Goodin.John@epa.gov](mailto:Goodin.John@epa.gov)>; Ferguson, Lincoln <[ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov](mailto:ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov)>; Ruf, Christine <[Ruf.Christine@epa.gov](mailto:Ruf.Christine@epa.gov)>

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Because we all have a part to play and this is urgent, I am setting out the plan we've all just talked about for getting the WOTUS letter signed tomorrow morning.

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Lincoln, please keep us all posted on your end, especially if you have timing needs so that we can help you meet them. Susan Burden will be your main point of contact in the

Administrator's Office tomorrow. She will make sure this gets signed and follows all the necessary process points.

Please flag any missing points or questions.

**From:** Bennett, Tate  
**Location:** Layne's Office 3442 H WJC-North Building  
**Importance:** Normal  
**Subject:** Accepted: Meeting w/Bill McGrath  
**Start Date/Time:** Fri 3/31/2017 3:30:00 PM  
**End Date/Time:** Fri 3/31/2017 4:00:00 PM

**To:** AO-OCIR Everyone[AOOCIR\_Everyone@epa.gov]  
**From:** Kent, Alison  
**Sent:** Thur 4/6/2017 7:50:33 PM  
**Subject:** State and Regional Partnerships Weekly (attached and copied).  
[SRPS Weekly 4.6.docx](#)

## **State and Regional Partnerships Weekly Report**

**April 6, 2017**

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Alison R. Kent

Lead Region Program Manager

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- **FY 2017 Partnerships Action Plans:** Following the issuance of OCFO's Mid-Year Reporting Guidance this week, the OIR Team will be working with the Agency Partnerships Cross Agency Strategy leads on compiling Quarter-2 mid-year reporting for the FY 2017 Partnerships Action Plans.

Further guidance and questions will be discussed at the OCFO Regional Planning Network (RPN) call on April 5<sup>th</sup>. The due date for mid-year reporting is May 15th (POC, Dan Murphy, 564-3227, Mike Dexter, 564-7437)

- **Updated list of NEPPS Regional Coordinators:** The master file of agency Regional NEPPS, GMO, and Regional Coordinators is now up to date and is posted on the NEPPS SharePoint Site [NEPPS Regional Coordination 2017](#) (POC, Dan Murphy, 564-3227, Mike Dexter, 564-7437).
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**Cc:** Curtin, James[curtin.james@epa.gov]; Gutro, Doug[Gutro.Doug@epa.gov]; Bukhari, Samir[Bukhari.Samir@epa.gov]; Moraff, Kenneth[Moraff.Ken@epa.gov]; Nagle, Deborah[Nagle.Deborah@epa.gov]; Richardson, RobinH[Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov]; Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]  
**From:** Schroer, Lee  
**Sent:** Tue 3/14/2017 8:09:48 PM  
**Subject:** RE: City of Taunton / /Taunton Estuary Municipal Coalition Meeting

Jack,

Please include me on the invite. I will coordinate within OGC to determine if anyone else will attend.

Lee

Lee C. Schroer

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**From:** Bowles, Jack  
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**To:** Dierker, Carl <Dierker.Carl@epa.gov>  
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Hi Carl,

All sounds good. Who from OGC and DOJ should be added to the invite? Ken and Doug, also let me know if I should add anyone else from the Region, or if y'all just want forward to whomever needs to be there. Also adding Debra Nagle so OW can be represented.

At this point it seems the Mayor wants to attend, so we are treating this as a meeting between an elected official and EPA senior leader, with counsel present since issues currently in litigation may be discussed. We are looking at the 20, 21, or 22 of March. Any of those out of the question for the key participants?

Also, Hall asked if they could do a powerpoint with graphics that would "help the discussion." Anyone have a concern with that?

Best,

Jack

**From:** Dierker, Carl

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 14, 2017 3:42 PM

**To:** Bowles, Jack <[Bowles.Jack@epa.gov](mailto:Bowles.Jack@epa.gov)>

**Cc:** Curtin, James <[curtin.james@epa.gov](mailto:curtin.james@epa.gov)>; Gutro, Doug <[Gutro.Doug@epa.gov](mailto:Gutro.Doug@epa.gov)>; Schroer, Lee <[schroer.lee@epa.gov](mailto:schroer.lee@epa.gov)>; Bukhari, Samir <[Bukhari.Samir@epa.gov](mailto:Bukhari.Samir@epa.gov)>; Moraff, Kenneth <[Moraff.Ken@epa.gov](mailto:Moraff.Ken@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: City of Taunton // Taunton Estuary Municipal Coalition Meeting

Hi Jack – Samir and I were able to discuss the issue with our DOJ attorney, Sarah Buckley, and she does not object to EPA meeting with Mr. Hall (and his client, the mayor, if he decides to attend). However, Because Mr. Hall represents a party with which we are currently in litigation and it seems likely that one of the issues he will raise is seeking a stay of the upcoming briefing

deadlines established by the court in order to explore ADR, DOJ (and OGC) recommends that we invite an attorney from DOJ and OGC to any meeting with Mr. Hall.

Let me know if you'd like to discuss further.

Thanks,

Carl

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**From:** Bowles, Jack

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 14, 2017 11:55 AM

**To:** Curtin, James <[curtin.james@epa.gov](mailto:curtin.james@epa.gov)>; Dierker, Carl <[Dierker.Carl@epa.gov](mailto:Dierker.Carl@epa.gov)>; Gutro, Doug <[Gutro.Doug@epa.gov](mailto:Gutro.Doug@epa.gov)>

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Hi All –

Have y'all heard back from DOJ yet on taking this meeting? If they and OGC/ORC are ok with it, I'd like to get it scheduled today.

Thank you.

Best Regards,

Jack

**From:** Bowles, Jack

**Sent:** Friday, March 10, 2017 5:50 PM

**To:** Bangerter, Layne <[bangerter.layne@epa.gov](mailto:bangerter.layne@epa.gov)>; Richardson, RobinH <[Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov](mailto:Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov)>; Gutro, Doug <[Gutro.Doug@epa.gov](mailto:Gutro.Doug@epa.gov)>

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Touched base with John Hall today. He says the mayor would come down for it and they are looking at March 20, 21, or 22. After we hear back from OGC/RC/DOJ confirming we can do this, I will schedule.

Best,

**Jack Bowles**

Director of State & Local Relations

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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**To:** Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]  
**From:** Greaves, Holly  
**Sent:** Wed 3/22/2017 6:07:00 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Today

2:45 is great! I'll come to you. Where do you sit?

Sent from my iPhone

> On Mar 22, 2017, at 1:58 PM, Bangerter, Layne <bangerter.layne@epa.gov> wrote:  
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> Yes, about 2:45? What is your office number? Or do you want to come to mine?  
>  
> -----Original Message-----  
> From: Greaves, Holly  
> Sent: Wednesday, March 22, 2017 11:48 AM  
> To: Bangerter, Layne <bangerter.layne@epa.gov>  
> Subject: Today  
>  
> Layne, do you have time to catch up this afternoon?  
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**To:** Barbery, Andrea[Barbery.Andrea@epa.gov]  
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**From:** Alexandra Dapolito Dunn  
**Sent:** Fri 3/24/2017 4:29:58 PM  
**Subject:** Re: ECOS Meeting with Ken and Tate: Follow Up Items

By chance, EPA team, would you like us to invite to the breakfast the NGA, CONEG, and WGA DC envt'l staff? Also we work closely with ASTHO (state and territorial health officials) and would include too NCSL (state legislatures). I know you'll do lots of separate meetings but its an easy walk for these folks and a few more bagels on our part! Let us know -

On Fri, Mar 24, 2017 at 11:55 AM, Barbery, Andrea <Barbery.Andrea@epa.gov> wrote:

This is fantastic – thanks, ECOS for the invitation! I'll be on vacation next week so will sadly miss this but I'll make sure Layne, Tate, and Ken have a way to get there.

Tate and Ken, I'll get the ball rolling on your registrations. Ken, please let me know who I should work with in your office on the financials.

Thanks,

Andrea Barbery

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**From:** Bennett, Elizabeth  
**Sent:** Friday, March 24, 2017 11:33 AM  
**To:** Alexandra Dunn <adunn@ecos.org>; Wagner, Kenneth <wagner.kenneth@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Hanson Carolyn <chanson@ecos.org>; Barbery, Andrea <Barbery.Andrea@epa.gov>; slongsworth@ecos.org; Bangerter, Layne <bangerter.layne@epa.gov>  
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Alex-

Your turnaround time is amazing! Thank you so much and we will confirm for breakfast at 9:15 AM (Hopefully that works for you, Layne and Andrea?) at 50 F (right location?).

Still wading through the other items (thanks in advance), but plan on the four of us seeing you all next Friday.

Tate

Elizabeth Tate Bennett

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**From:** Alexandra Dapolito Dunn [<mailto:adunn@ecos.org>]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 24, 2017 9:45 AM  
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**Subject:** Re: ECOS Meeting with Ken and Tate: Follow Up Items

BREAKFAST is FRIDAY MARCH 31 not April 31. Corrected below.

On Fri, Mar 24, 2017 at 9:40 AM, Alexandra Dapolito Dunn <[adunn@ecos.org](mailto:adunn@ecos.org)> wrote:

Dear Ken and Tate:

Thank you so much for coming over yesterday afternoon to meet with us. So thrilled to make a connection with you all.

Here's all the follow up:

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**Save the Date! ECOS' Spring Meeting, April 6-8, 2017, Washington, DC,**  
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**From:** Hannon, Arnita  
**Sent:** Thur 4/6/2017 12:26:36 AM  
**Subject:** Heads-Up - AAMA Invitation to Administrator  
[InviteLetter\\_EPA.pdf](#)

Hi Robin!

My Speaker Request form has some blanks that AAMA must fill and I sent that to staff this evening. The invitation for Administrator Pruitt to address the AAMA's Annual Conference was sent to me today. WHIG is working too on conference participation by Cabinet members. *Might you at minimum mention this in Scheduling tomorrow and alert that a Speaker Request form is coming?* Just because this is for late April, I wanted Scheduling to start looking at the dates to see if there is a chance the Administrator might be available on either Thursday or Friday, April 27/28. Thank you!

**Event:** African American Mayors Association's Annual Conference (April 26 – 28/Marriott Marquis)

**Request:** Address "Federal Updates" Session – 2:45 – 3:30 PM: Thursday, April 27th

**Scope:** Sole Speaker; 10 – 15 Minutes Remarks: EPA's Priorities; Q&A follow for Remainder; Depart

**Audience:** 150 Attendees, including 75 – 100 Mayors representing cities and towns of every size and population

**Leadership:** President: Mayor Sly James (Kansas City, MO); 1<sup>st</sup> VP: Mayor Toni Harp (New Haven, CT); 2<sup>nd</sup> VP: Mayor Tony Yarber (Jackson, MS)

**ALTERNATIVE:** If not available for April 27<sup>th</sup> session: Address Closing Luncheon on Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>.

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April 7, 2017

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Washington, D.C. 20460

**Re: Invitation to Deliver Remarks – African American Mayors Association 2017 Annual Conference on Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, or Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>**

Dear Administrator Pruitt,

On behalf of the African American Mayors Association (AAMA) President, Mayor Sly James (Kansas City, MO), and our Board of Trustees, it would be our honor to extend an invitation for you to deliver remarks during the AAMA 2017 Annual Conference, which will be held at the Marriott Marquis Hotel in Washington, DC on Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, and Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. We are willing to work with your office to arrange your visit at one of the following times:

Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup> (2:45PM – 3:30PM): Federal Outreach Session

Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> (12:30PM – 2:00PM): Closing Luncheon

We would be honored to welcome you to our conference, which features over 150 attendees, including African American mayors from America's largest and fastest-growing communities. As America's cities and towns continue to innovate, AAMA mayors are focused on building relationships to improve the quality of life for their constituents. The AAMA 2017 Annual Conference will connect Mayors, federal government officials, Business Council partners, and other thought leaders to share best practices and discuss strategies to influence policymaking.

Thank you for considering our invitation. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 670-2018 or via e-mail at [Stephanie@ourmayors.org](mailto:Stephanie@ourmayors.org).

Sincerely,

Stephanie Mash Sykes, Esq.  
Executive Director  
African American Mayors Association

**To:** All HQ Employees[All\_HQ\_Employees@epa.gov]  
**From:** HQ\_Facilities\_Updates  
**Sent:** Tue 3/21/2017 3:41:14 PM  
**Subject:** Shuttle Bus Delays

The President's motorcade is in-route to Capitol Hill and has caused the Shuttle Bus to encounter delays. The EPA HQ Shuttle Bus is unable to get into the District from Potomac Yard because of the delay on the 14th street bridge. Service will continue, however, on a delayed schedule. The Facilities Management and Services Division will send notification to employees once the Shuttle Bus resumes it's normal schedule.

We apologize for any inconvenience this delay may cause. Please contact the HQ Building Services Desk at (202) 564-2100 with any questions or concerns.

Thank you

**To:** EEXHelp@opm.gov[EEXHelp@opm.gov]; Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]  
**From:** Wilkes, Quianna  
**Sent:** Thur 5/4/2017 6:18:48 PM  
**Subject:** ID & Password

- Layne Bangerter
- Bangerter.layne@epa.gov
- Environmental Protection Agency
- 202-564- 0468

I cannot remember my login ID or password.

Quianna Elliott

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[wilkes.quianna@epa.gov](mailto:wilkes.quianna@epa.gov)

**To:** EPA-DynamicMassMailer[EPA-DynamicMassMailer@epa.gov]  
**From:** OEI-MassMailer-Mailbox  
**Sent:** Tue 4/4/2017 9:32:07 PM  
**Subject:** OEI Notification - Issue with Microsoft Licenses



## Office of Environmental Information (OEI) Notification

Informational

**Please do not respond to this message. Thank you.**

**ATTENTION:** If while accessing Microsoft O365, Office Web Application (OWA) or other Office applications you receive a message stating your Microsoft license has expired or will expire, **please ignore it.** OEI is working with the O365 team and Microsoft to resolve current licensing issues, and expects to have them worked out by early next week.

Thanks for your patience and we apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

**To:** Dickerson, Aaron[dickerson.aaron@epa.gov]  
**Cc:** Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]  
**From:** Wilkes, Quianna  
**Sent:** Thur 3/30/2017 7:57:21 PM  
**Subject:** FW: Invitation for Administrator Pruitt  
[AHFA 2017 BOD.pdf](#)  
[Pruitt AHFA 2017 Invite.pdf](#)

**From:** Bangerter, Layne  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 30, 2017 3:10 PM  
**To:** Wilkes, Quianna <Wilkes.Quianna@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: Invitation for Administrator Pruitt

Can you forward this request?

**From:** Bill Simmons [<mailto:Bill.Simmons@grayling.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 30, 2017 12:58 PM  
**To:** Bangerter, Layne <[bangerter.layne@epa.gov](mailto:bangerter.layne@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Invitation for Administrator Pruitt

Layne,

Great to see you on Monday.

Per our conversation, the American Home Furnishings Alliance (furniture manufacturers) and Home Furnishings Association (furniture retailers) will hold a joint board meeting in Washington, DC on Tuesday May 16th and Wednesday May 17th. They would like to invite Administrator Pruitt to address the 50 CEOs on the direction of the EPA in this new administration.

Recently, both associations have been engaged with the EPA on a rulemaking on 'Formaldehyde Emissions from Composite Wood Products.' We would like to update the Administrator on the rule's history and its impact to the furniture industry.

If his schedule permits, we could host the Administrator on Tuesday May 16th at the Ritz Carlton in Pentagon City after 1pm. On May 17th, the group will be in Room G-11 in the Dirksen Senate Office Building and could host him between any time between 8am-12pm.

Thank you very much,

Bill

**From:** Hanson, Andrew  
**Location:** Layne's Office - 3442 H, WJ Clinton North  
**Importance:** Normal  
**Subject:** Meet and Greet with Valley County (ID) Commissioner Gordon Cruikshank and Boone County (KY) Executive Gary Moore (no agenda)  
**Start Date/Time:** Fri 4/28/2017 2:30:00 PM  
**End Date/Time:** Fri 4/28/2017 3:00:00 PM

**To:** EPA-DynamicMassMailer[EPA-DynamicMassMailer@epa.gov]  
**From:** Martin, JohnT  
**Sent:** Thur 4/6/2017 7:42:52 PM  
**Subject:** SYSTEM OUTAGE - Issue with Accessing SharePoint and One Drive - Thursday, April 6, 2017



**Office of Environmental Information (OEI)**  
**Notification**



System Outage – Alert

Employees may be experiencing issues with accessing OneDrive and/or SharePoint web applications. Below are two common issues that employees may be experiencing:

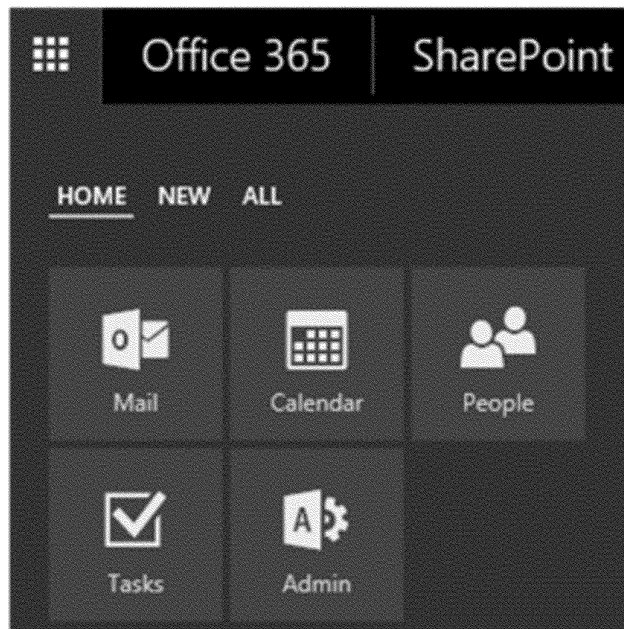
1. Instead of showing the SharePoint and OneDrive icons, you will see the words “setting up” - (Screenshot A).
2. The icons will be missing entirely - (Screenshot B).

OEI’s O365 team is working with Microsoft to resolve the issue as quickly as possible.

Screenshot A



Screenshot B





**To:** Dierker, Carl[Dierker.Carl@epa.gov]  
**Cc:** Curtin, James[curtin.james@epa.gov]; Gutro, Doug[Gutro.Doug@epa.gov]; Schroer, Lee[schroer.lee@epa.gov]; Bukhari, Samir[Bukhari.Samir@epa.gov]; Moraff, Kenneth[Moraff.Ken@epa.gov]; Nagle, Deborah[Nagle.Deborah@epa.gov]; Richardson, RobinH[Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov]; Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]  
**From:** Bowles, Jack  
**Sent:** Tue 3/14/2017 8:06:42 PM  
**Subject:** RE: City of Taunton / /Taunton Estuary Municipal Coalition Meeting

Hi Carl,

All sounds good. Who from OGC and DOJ should be added to the invite? Ken and Doug, also let me know if I should add anyone else from the Region, or if y'all just want forward to whomever needs to be there. Also adding Debra Nagle so OW can be represented.

At this point it seems the Mayor wants to attend, so we are treating this as a meeting between an elected official and EPA senior leader, with counsel present since issues currently in litigation may be discussed. We are looking at the 20, 21, or 22 of March. Any of those out of the question for the key participants?

Also, Hall asked if they could do a powerpoint with graphics that would "help the discussion." Anyone have a concern with that?

Best,

Jack

**From:** Dierker, Carl  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 14, 2017 3:42 PM  
**To:** Bowles, Jack <Bowles.Jack@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Curtin, James <curtin.james@epa.gov>; Gutro, Doug <Gutro.Doug@epa.gov>; Schroer, Lee <schroer.lee@epa.gov>; Bukhari, Samir <Bukhari.Samir@epa.gov>; Moraff, Kenneth <Moraff.Ken@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: City of Taunton / /Taunton Estuary Municipal Coalition Meeting

Hi Jack – Samir and I were able to discuss the issue with our DOJ attorney, Sarah Buckley, and she does not object to EPA meeting with Mr. Hall (and his client, the mayor, if he decides to attend). However, Because Mr. Hall represents a party with which we are currently in litigation and it seems likely that one of the issues he will raise is seeking a stay of the upcoming briefing deadlines established by the court in order to explore ADR, DOJ (and OGC) recommends that we invite an attorney from DOJ and OGC to any meeting with Mr. Hall.

Let me know if you'd like to discuss further.

Thanks,

Carl

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Carl F. Dierker

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**From:** Bowles, Jack

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 14, 2017 11:55 AM

**To:** Curtin, James <[curtin.james@epa.gov](mailto:curtin.james@epa.gov)>; Dierker, Carl <[Dierker.Carl@epa.gov](mailto:Dierker.Carl@epa.gov)>; Gutro, Doug <[Gutro.Doug@epa.gov](mailto:Gutro.Doug@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: City of Taunton / /Taunton Estuary Municipal Coalition Meeting

Hi All –

Have y'all heard back from DOJ yet on taking this meeting? If they and OGC/ORC are ok with it, I'd like to get it scheduled today.

Thank you.

Best Regards,

Jack

**From:** Bowles, Jack

**Sent:** Friday, March 10, 2017 5:50 PM

**To:** Bangerter, Layne <[bangerter.layne@epa.gov](mailto:bangerter.layne@epa.gov)>; Richardson, RobinH <[Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov](mailto:Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov)>; Gutro, Doug <[Gutro.Doug@epa.gov](mailto:Gutro.Doug@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** City of Taunton / /Taunton Estuary Municipal Coalition Meeting

Touched base with John Hall today. He says the mayor would come down for it and they are looking at March 20, 21, or 22. After we hear back from OGC/RC/DOJ confirming we can do this, I will schedule.

Best,

**Jack Bowles**

Director of State & Local Relations

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

202-564-3657 (office) | Personal Matters/Ex. 6 (mobile)



**To:** arm@usepa.onmicrosoft.com[arm@usepa.onmicrosoft.com]  
**From:** Microsoft Outlook  
**Sent:** Tue 3/14/2017 12:17:47 AM  
**Subject:** Undeliverable: Could you please remind me who Millen is?  
Could you please remind me who Millen is?



Your message to arm@usepa.onmicrosoft.com couldn't be delivered.

arm wasn't found at usepa.onmicrosoft.com.

bangerter.layne

Office 365

arm

Action Required

Recipient

Unknown To address

## How to Fix It

The address may be misspelled or may not exist. Try one or more of the following:

- **Send the message again following these steps:** In Outlook, open **this non-delivery report (NDR)** and choose **Send Again** from the Report ribbon. In Outlook on the web, select this NDR, then select the link "To send this message again, click here." Then delete and retype the entire recipient address. If prompted with an Auto-Complete List suggestion don't select it. After typing the complete address, click Send.
- Contact the recipient (by phone, for example) to check that the address exists and is correct.
- The recipient may have set up email forwarding to an incorrect address. Ask them to check that any forwarding they've set up is working correctly.
- Clear the recipient Auto-Complete List in Outlook or Outlook on the web by following the steps in this article: [Fix email delivery issues for error code 5.1.10 in Office 365](#), and then send the message again. Retype the entire recipient address before selecting Send.

**If the problem continues, forward this message to your email admin. If you're an email admin, refer to the More Info for Email Admins section below.**

*Was this helpful? [Send feedback to Microsoft.](#)*

## More Info for Email Admins

Status code: 550 5.1.10

This error occurs because the sender sent a message to an email address hosted by Office 365 but the address is incorrect or doesn't exist at the destination domain. The error is reported by the recipient domain's email server, but most often it must be fixed by the person who sent the message. If the steps in the **How to Fix It** section above don't fix the problem, and you're the email admin for the recipient, try one or more of the following:

**The email address exists and is correct** - Confirm that the recipient address exists, is correct, and is accepting messages.

**Synchronize your directories** - If you have a hybrid environment and are using directory synchronization make sure the recipient's email address is synced correctly in both Office 365 and in your on-premises directory.

**Errant forwarding rule** - Check for forwarding rules that aren't behaving as expected. Forwarding can be set up by an admin via mail flow rules or mailbox forwarding address settings, or by the recipient via the Inbox Rules feature.

**Recipient has a valid license** - Make sure the recipient has an Office 365 license assigned to them. The recipient's email admin can use the Office 365 admin center to assign a license (Users > Active Users > select the recipient > Assigned License > Edit).

**Mail flow settings and MX records are not correct** - Misconfigured mail flow or MX record settings can cause this error. Check your Office 365 mail flow settings to make sure your domain and any mail flow connectors are set up correctly. Also, work with your domain registrar to make sure the MX records for your domain are configured correctly.

For more information and additional tips to fix this issue, see [Fix email delivery issues for error code 5.1.10 in Office 365](#).

## Original Message Details

**Created Date:** 3/14/2017 12:17:46 AM  
**Sender Address:** bangerter.layne@epa.gov  
**Recipient Address:** arm@usepa.onmicrosoft.com  
**Subject:** Could you please remind me who Millen is?

## Error Details

**Reported error:** 550 5.1.10 RESOLVER.ADR.RecipientNotFound; Recipient not found by SMTP address lookup

**DSN generated by:** DM5PR09MB1210.namprd09.prod.outlook.com

## Message Hops

	HOPTIME (UTC)	FROM	TO	WITH	RELAY TIME
1	3/14/2017 12:17:47 AM	DM5PR09MB1211.namprd09.prod.outlook.com	DM5PR09MB1211.namprd09.prod.outlook.com	DM5PR09MB1211.namprd09.prod.outlook.com	1 sec

2 3/14/2017 12:17:46 AM DM5PR09MB1211.namprd09.prod.outlook.com [10.172.33.149] by DM5PR09MB1210.namprd09.prod.outlook.com (10.172.33.148) with Microsoft SMTP Server (version=TLS1\_2, cipher=TLS\_ECDHE\_RSA\_WITH\_AES\_256

## Original Message Headers

Authentication-Results: usepa.onmicrosoft.com; dkim=none (message not signed)  
header.d=none;usepa.onmicrosoft.com; dmarc=none action=none  
header.from=epa.gov;  
Received: from DM5PR09MB1211.namprd09.prod.outlook.com (10.172.33.149) by  
DM5PR09MB1210.namprd09.prod.outlook.com (10.172.33.148) with Microsoft SMTP  
Server (version=TLS1\_2, cipher=TLS\_ECDHE\_RSA\_WITH\_AES\_256\_CBC\_SHA384\_P384) id  
15.1.947.12; Tue, 14 Mar 2017 00:17:46 +0000  
Received: from DM5PR09MB1211.namprd09.prod.outlook.com ([10.172.33.149]) by  
DM5PR09MB1211.namprd09.prod.outlook.com ([10.172.33.149]) with mapi id  
15.01.0947.022; Tue, 14 Mar 2017 00:17:47 +0000  
Content-Type: application/ms-tnef; name="winmail.dat"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: binary  
From: "Bangerter, Layne" <bangerter.layne@epa.gov>  
To: "arm@usepa.onmicrosoft.com" <arm@usepa.onmicrosoft.com>  
Subject: Could you please remind me who Millen is?  
Thread-Topic: Could you please remind me who Millen is?  
Thread-Index: AQHSnFhoAFypo0iZ2EqJe86Azru+tg==  
X-MS-Exchange-MessageSentRepresentingType: 1  
Date: Tue, 14 Mar 2017 00:17:46 +0000  
Message-ID: <B4440548-7AC1-420E-AD32-C2B841BD0D23@epa.gov>  
Accept-Language: en-US  
Content-Language: en-US  
X-MS-Has-Attach:  
X-MS-TNEF-Correlator: <B4440548-7AC1-420E-AD32-C2B841BD0D23@epa.gov>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
X-Originating-IP: [2600:1003:b112:8526:8dde:76e9:ae3a:5ca7]  
Return-Path: bangerter.layne@epa.gov  
X-MS-Office365-Filtering-Correlation-Id: 0267856f-34b0-4c08-3656-08d46a6f8ae1  
X-Microsoft-Antispam: UriScan::BCL:0;PCL:0;RULEID:(22001);SRVR:DM5PR09MB1210;  
X-Microsoft-Exchange-Diagnostics:  
1;DM5PR09MB1210;3:6bTGReEzerB4766j2ywxyq42WFiFdmK2OCYx2EWYI5zsGdPY6w2Gw7kHyU1H06R

**To:** **Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process**  
**From:** Bangerter, Layne  
**Sent:** Tue 3/14/2017 12:17:46 AM  
**Subject:** Could you please remind me who Millen is?

Sent from my iPhone

**To:** Christensen, Damaris[Christensen.Damaris@epa.gov]; Talty, Mark[Talty.Mark@epa.gov]; Kupchan, Simma[Kupchan.Simma@epa.gov]  
**Cc:** Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]; Bowles, Jack[Bowles.Jack@epa.gov]; Nickerson, William[Nickerson.William@epa.gov]; Jutras, Nathaniel[Jutras.Nathaniel@epa.gov]  
**From:** Hanson, Andrew  
**Sent:** Fri 3/24/2017 4:27:49 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Fyi draft federalism paper -- COMMS FAILURE

Damaris,

## Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process

Thanks,

AH

**From:** Christensen, Damaris  
**Sent:** Friday, March 24, 2017 10:56 AM  
**To:** Hanson, Andrew <Hanson.Andrew@epa.gov>; Talty, Mark <Talty.Mark@epa.gov>; Kupchan, Simma <Kupchan.Simma@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Fyi draft federalism paper

Afraid all I can do from my phone is forward a track changes version but given that I'm out for an hour and timeframes are tight I'm forwarding this along for your quick review. We are hoping to send up by 3.

**To:** Parikh, Pooja[Parikh.Pooja@epa.gov]; Nagle, Deborah[Nagle.Deborah@epa.gov]  
**Cc:** Neugeboren, Steven[Neugeboren.Steven@epa.gov]; Schroer, Lee[schroer.lee@epa.gov];  
Dierker, Carl[Dierker.Carl@epa.gov]; Bukhari, Samir[Bukhari.Samir@epa.gov]; Bangerter,  
Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]; Bowles, Jack[Bowles.Jack@epa.gov]; Matthews,  
Demond[matthews.demond@epa.gov]  
**From:** Hannon, Arnita  
**Sent:** Thur 5/4/2017 6:14:04 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Taunton response letter -- next steps

Pooja – Please forgive me for misspelling your name! Thanks again!

M. Arnita Hannon

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hannon.arnita@epa.gov

**From:** Hannon, Arnita  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 04, 2017 2:12 PM  
**To:** Parikh, Pooja <Parikh.Pooja@epa.gov>; Nagle, Deborah <Nagle.Deborah@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Neugeboren, Steven <Neugeboren.Steven@epa.gov>; Schroer, Lee <schroer.lee@epa.gov>;  
Dierker, Carl <Dierker.Carl@epa.gov>; Bukhari, Samir <Bukhari.Samir@epa.gov>; Bangerter,  
Layne <bangerter.layne@epa.gov>; Bowles, Jack <Bowles.Jack@epa.gov>; Matthews, Demond  
<matthews.demond@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Taunton response letter -- next steps

Thanks so very much Poojah and everyone! We will look this over and update you guys later on finalizing.

Arnita

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**From:** Parikh, Pooja

**Sent:** Thursday, May 04, 2017 1:59 PM

**To:** Hannon, Arnita <[Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov](mailto:Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov)>; Nagle, Deborah <[Nagle.Deborah@epa.gov](mailto:Nagle.Deborah@epa.gov)>

**Cc:** Neugeboren, Steven <[Neugeboren.Steven@epa.gov](mailto:Neugeboren.Steven@epa.gov)>; Schroer, Lee <[schroer.lee@epa.gov](mailto:schroer.lee@epa.gov)>; Dierker, Carl <[Dierker.Carl@epa.gov](mailto:Dierker.Carl@epa.gov)>; Bukhari, Samir <[Bukhari.Samir@epa.gov](mailto:Bukhari.Samir@epa.gov)>; Bangerter, Layne <[bangerter.layne@epa.gov](mailto:bangerter.layne@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: Taunton response letter -- next steps

Hi Arnita – I heard back from our DoJ attorneys and edited the letter to include them as POCs. Please see attached.

Pooja

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**From:** Hannon, Arnita

**Sent:** Thursday, May 04, 2017 1:06 PM

**To:** Parikh, Pooja <[Parikh.Pooja@epa.gov](mailto:Parikh.Pooja@epa.gov)>; Nagle, Deborah <[Nagle.Deborah@epa.gov](mailto:Nagle.Deborah@epa.gov)>

**Cc:** Neugeboren, Steven <[Neugeboren.Steven@epa.gov](mailto:Neugeboren.Steven@epa.gov)>; Schroer, Lee <[schroer.lee@epa.gov](mailto:schroer.lee@epa.gov)>;  
Dierker, Carl <[Dierker.Carl@epa.gov](mailto:Dierker.Carl@epa.gov)>; Bukhari, Samir <[Bukhari.Samir@epa.gov](mailto:Bukhari.Samir@epa.gov)>; Bangerter,  
Layne <[bangerter.layne@epa.gov](mailto:bangerter.layne@epa.gov)>

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Fantastic! Thanks so much!

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**From:** Parikh, Pooja

**Sent:** Thursday, May 04, 2017 1:00 PM

**To:** Hannon, Arnita <[Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov](mailto:Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov)>; Nagle, Deborah <[Nagle.Deborah@epa.gov](mailto:Nagle.Deborah@epa.gov)>

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**Subject:** RE: Taunton response letter -- next steps

I'm checking in with DoJ on including them as POCs; will get back to you shortly.

**From:** Hannon, Arnita

**Sent:** Thursday, May 04, 2017 12:32 PM

**To:** Nagle, Deborah <[Nagle.Deborah@epa.gov](mailto:Nagle.Deborah@epa.gov)>; Parikh, Pooja <[Parikh.Pooja@epa.gov](mailto:Parikh.Pooja@epa.gov)>

**Cc:** Neugeboren, Steven <[Neugeboren.Steven@epa.gov](mailto:Neugeboren.Steven@epa.gov)>; Schroer, Lee <[schroer.lee@epa.gov](mailto:schroer.lee@epa.gov)>; Dierker, Carl <[Dierker.Carl@epa.gov](mailto:Dierker.Carl@epa.gov)>; Bukhari, Samir <[Bukhari.Samir@epa.gov](mailto:Bukhari.Samir@epa.gov)>; Bangerter, Layne <[bangerter.layne@epa.gov](mailto:bangerter.layne@epa.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: Taunton response letter -- next steps

Thanks so much Deborah! I will yield to the gentlemen copied on who from DOJ should be included as a POC and then that can be inserted. And good point on keeping Billy looped and I will do that for sure.

Thanks to all!

M. Arnita Hannon

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**From:** Nagle, Deborah

**Sent:** Thursday, May 04, 2017 12:19 PM

**To:** Parikh, Pooja <[Parikh.Pooja@epa.gov](mailto:Parikh.Pooja@epa.gov)>

**Cc:** Neugeboren, Steven <[Neugeboren.Steven@epa.gov](mailto:Neugeboren.Steven@epa.gov)>; Schroer, Lee <[schroer.lee@epa.gov](mailto:schroer.lee@epa.gov)>;  
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**Subject:** Re: Taunton response letter -- next steps

I am out of the office and read the letter on my iPhone. I can not make edits the letter directly. I do have a couple of comments

**Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process**

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Deborah

Sent from my iPhone

On May 4, 2017, at 9:50 AM, Parikh, Pooja <[Parikh.Pooja@epa.gov](mailto:Parikh.Pooja@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hi Steve, Deborah

I'm attaching the draft response to Taunton's April 26<sup>th</sup> letter asking EPA to reconsider its position regarding peer review of the Taunton permit. As we've discussed, the letter is a very short response declining to reconsider our position, and does not provide a substantive response to the issues raised, indicating that these issues are in litigation. This version reflects DoJ's edits; and Carl Dierker has indicated that he is comfortable with it.

DoJ has indicated (and everyone else agrees) that Layne should send this response letter – as the incoming letter was addressed to him. So, the next step is sending this letter to Layne for his review. Would it make sense for one of you to send the letter to Layne?

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## **Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations**

### **Land, Response and Enforcement Team**

**Week of April 3, 2017**

#### **MEETINGS/BRIEFINGS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

April 3, 2017- Briefing for House Energy and Commerce Committee staff on the role and functions of EPA's Office of Homeland Security.

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Thank you.... ☺

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Hi Chris – Thank you for your email. I'm glad it is all working out. This email serves as acknowledgement and approval of Khanna's transfer to SAB. If you need anything more please let Kevin or me know. Best, Robin

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**Subject:** Khanna Johnston / SAB

I would like to formally request the transfer of Khanna Johnston from OCIR to SAB. It is my understanding that a formal request from me to OCIR is needed to proceed. Thank you for being so helpful and thank you for sharing Khanna with us. She has been enormously helpful to me and the entire SAB team.

Cheers!

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Got it.

Donna

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I had sent the urgent message below this morning but hearing that no one received it, so am resending.

Could ONE person please reply to all to confirm receipt?

Thanks.

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**Importance:** High

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Here is the suggested language, and below is the rationale for it:

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## **Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations**

### **Land, Response and Enforcement Team**

**Week of April 10, 2017**

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April 13-National Priorities List (NPL) Rollout

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Here are the questions we've put together. Let's discuss next steps.

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Save the Date! ECOS' Spring Meeting, April 6-8, 2017, Washington, DC, [www.ecos.org](http://www.ecos.org)

On Thu, Mar 9, 2017 at 3:42 PM, Barbery, Andrea <[Barbery.Andrea@epa.gov](mailto:Barbery.Andrea@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hi Alex,

Thank you for inviting Administrator Pruitt to participate on April's All-Members call on **Tuesday, April 21**. I am confirming his participation for the first half-hour, from **3:00 – 3:30 p.m.** (Eastern). We look forward to hearing from your members what topics they'd like him to address.

Thanks,

Andrea Barbery

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## **ECOS Questions for Administrator Pruitt**

### **For ECOS All Commissioner Call**

**March 21, 2017 3-330 PM**

#### **General Priorities:**

1. What do you see as your top 3 priorities in the next 6 months?
2. Can you share with us any information on plans/timing for appointment of Regional Administrators or nomination of key positions like Assistant Administrators?

#### **Budget:**

3. Help us understand the plan to reduce STAG funds, especially in states that have already reduced personnel by 40%, refocused on "core programs", and simultaneously increased customer service?
4. If STAG funds are reduced, would EPA consider a lump sum or block grant approach rather than a programmatic approach? In other words, allow the states to prioritize where the cuts come from; this would honor the fact that Arizona's priorities are necessarily different than Florida's, for example. The Multipurpose Categorical Grant category is another way to maximize flexibility.

#### **State Authority & Consultation:**

5. What steps will you take to make delegation of primacy to states for programs like Underground Injection Control and assumption of the Clean Water Act Section 404 program (where there has been a difference of opinion between the Corps and EPA on assumption, with EPA favoring and the Corps putting up roadblocks).
6. How do you plan to consult with states on next steps for the Waters of the U.S. Rule?
7. ECOS is generally opposed to the "sue and settle" approach where consent decrees may impose deadlines and obligations on state agencies without allowing them to weigh in before agreeing to a proposed consent decree. Can you discuss any ideas you are looking at to help ensure that states at least have a role in these settlement discussions?

#### **Regulatory Reform:**

8. Having spent a considerable amount of time identifying state rules that are unnecessary or outdated, we've learned that eliminating regulations is sometimes more difficult than creating them. How is EPA designing its 2 for 1 process? Would you consider involving states and the regulated community in the design of the 2 for 1 process?

## **Infrastructure:**

9. Environmental infrastructure spending is an abundantly obvious solution to much of our environmental challenges. What steps will the Administrator take to improve our infrastructure?
10. The federal permitting process for environmental and infrastructure improvement projects has a poor reputation. What role can EPA play to reduce the frustration of trying to obtain these permits?

## **Research:**

11. What is the role of research going forward at EPA? Are you aware of the State Research Priorities Needs and what steps can we take to align EPA research to answer state questions?

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**From:** Kreutzer, David  
**Sent:** Wed 3/22/2017 4:46:29 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Can you come to Don's office ASAP

Where is everybody ?

Sent from my iPhone

> On Mar 22, 2017, at 12:40 PM, Bangerter, Layne <bangerter.layne@epa.gov> wrote:  
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**To:** Hannon, Arnita[Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov]  
**Cc:** Hale, Michelle[hale.michelle@epa.gov]; Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]; Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]; Weese, Eric[Weese.Eric@epa.gov]  
**From:** Hupp, Millan  
**Sent:** Tue 3/14/2017 12:16:13 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Tomorrow's NLC Appearance

My apologies. I was thinking of the first engagement so 8AM for NLC is incorrect.

Layne will likely have to meet us at the Marriott for that one.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 13, 2017, at 8:05 PM, Hannon, Arnita <[Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov](mailto:Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov)> wrote:

My pleasure and so nice to finally meet in person! And thank YOU too! Ok we have Layne looped here so that way we can see if this will work for him.

Thank you!

Arnita

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 13, 2017, at 7:54 PM, Hupp, Millan <[hupp.millan@epa.gov](mailto:hupp.millan@epa.gov)> wrote:

Arnita,

Thank you for everything today. Let's please have Layne ride over with Nino and myself if he'd like a ride over. I am meeting Nino at 8AM at the Security desk.

Millan

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 13, 2017, at 3:20 PM, Hannon, Arnita <[Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov](mailto:Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hi Michelle –

Our DAA for Intergovernmental Relations, Layne Bangerter is happy to ride with Administrator Pruitt tomorrow over to the hotel for the Meet & Greet and Luncheon appearance if that is ok. Might you please let us know what time we

should have Layne come around to meet the Administrator and those traveling with him?

Thank you so much!

Arnita

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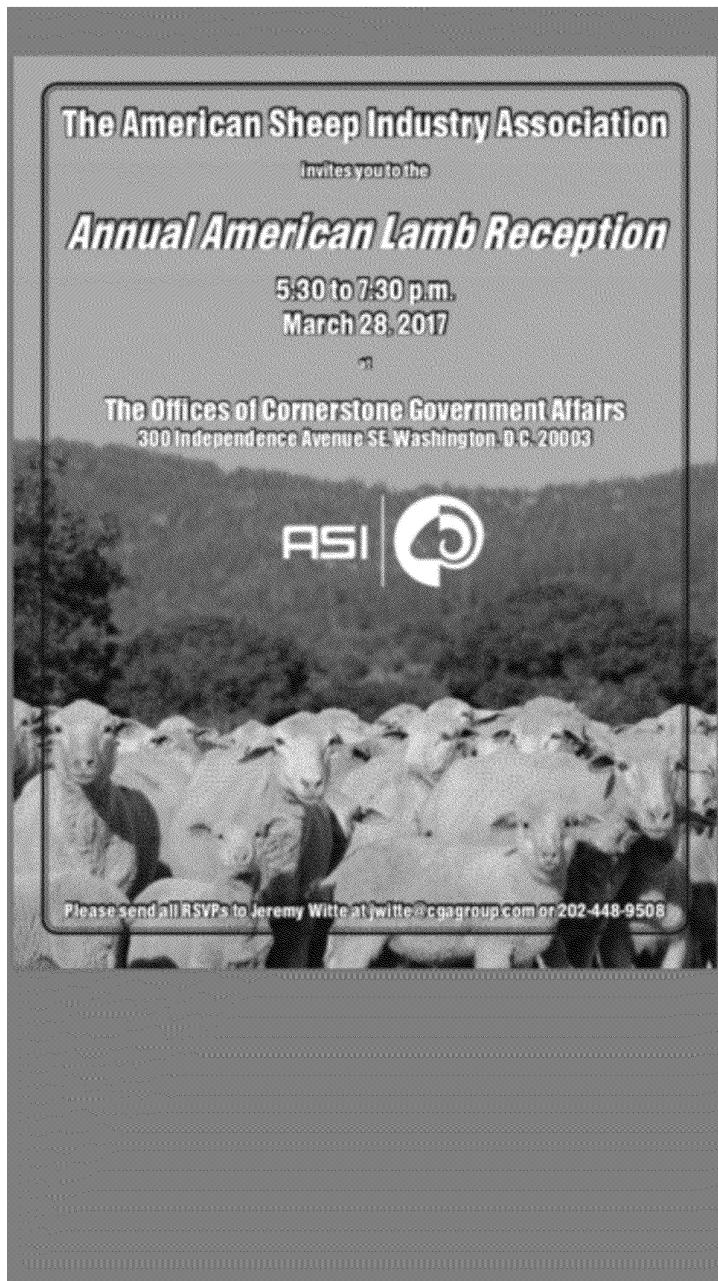
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**To:** Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]  
**From:** Layne Bangerter  
**Sent:** Thur 3/23/2017 5:42:01 PM



Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

**To:** Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]  
**From:** Hanson, Andrew  
**Sent:** Mon 4/3/2017 4:01:34 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Tracey's traveling this week

No pressure, we can do it any weekend. (Want you to meet Tracey sometime anyway)

> On Apr 3, 2017, at 11:56 AM, Bangerter, Layne <bangerter.layne@epa.gov> wrote:

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> My wife is working on getting me home for the weekend and my son's graduation which I was going to skip! Stand by, but sounds good.

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Hanson, Andrew

> Sent: Monday, April 3, 2017 11:47 AM

> To: Bangerter, Layne <bangerter.layne@epa.gov>

> Subject: Tracey's traveling this week

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> If you're in town this weekend, Jack Peterson-- Harris County, TX's lobbyist -- has agreed to join us for billiards and pizza at my place on Sunday afternoon. Otherwise, if you travel this weekend, we can do it another time.

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> Texas Jack is a real character....you'll like him a lot.

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: JACK PETERSON **Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process**

> Sent: Monday, April 03, 2017 11:31 AM

> To: Hanson, Andrew <Hanson.Andrew@epa.gov>

> Subject: RE: Tuesday March 28-Houston Mayor and Security Detail Arriving at 5pm

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> Dude, I'm in.

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> JP

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Hanson, Andrew [mailto:Hanson.Andrew@epa.gov]

> Sent: Monday, April 03, 2017 11:29 AM

> To: JACK PETERSON

> Subject: RE: Tuesday March 28-Houston Mayor and Security Detail Arriving at 5pm

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> Tracey's traveling this weekend, so what would you think about a "guys' afternoon" of billiards, pizza, chillin', just you, me and Layne?

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**To:** Grantham, Nancy[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]; Richardson, RobinH[Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov]; Bangerter, Layne[bangerter.layne@epa.gov]; Wagner, Kenneth[wagner.kenneth@epa.gov]; Dunham, Sarah[Dunham.Sarah@epa.gov]; Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]  
**From:** Gray, David  
**Sent:** Mon 3/27/2017 4:20:17 PM  
**Subject:** The Intercept Article: A Louisiana Town Plagued by Pollution Shows Why Cuts to the EPA Will Be Measured in Illnesses and Deaths  
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All – Attached is a copy of the March 24 feature article by the Intercept about the Denka facility in La Place, Louisiana.

David

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# THE PLANT NEXT DOOR

A Louisiana Town Plagued by Pollution Shows Why Cuts to the EPA Will Be Measured in Illnesses and Deaths

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Sharon Lerner

March 24 2017, 9:56 a.m.



When the Environmental Protection Agency informed people in St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana, last July that the local neoprene plant was emitting a chemical that gave them the highest risk of cancer from air pollution in the country, the information was received not just with horror and sadness but also with a certain sense of validation.

For years, many of the people living on this little square of land between the train tracks and the Mississippi River levee have felt they suffered more than their share of illnesses. Troyla Keller has a rash and asthma that abate every time she leaves the neighborhood and worsen when she returns. Augustine Nicholson Dorris had breast cancer and seizures. And David Sanders has trouble breathing, a tumor on his thyroid, and neurological problems. “It took a lot away from me,” said Sanders, whose speech is slurred, when I visited the area a half-hour west of New Orleans in February. Several people spoke of shuttling their children and grandchildren to the nearby ER for asthma treatments. And many residents also frequent the neighborhood’s two busy dialysis centers. A third is under construction.

“Everybody felt there was too much sickness,” said Robert Taylor, 76, whose wife had breast cancer and is now struggling with multiple sclerosis. Taylor’s daughter Raven suffers from gastroparesis, a relatively rare autoimmune disorder that has left the 48-year-old unable to digest food and bedridden, after an attempt to treat the condition surgically led to a staph infection. But there were plenty of other unusual conditions, too. Trollious Harris, who has spent most of her life a few blocks from the Taylors, suffers from myasthenia gravis, another autoimmune condition, which has caused her muscles to weaken. Kellie Tabb has a rapid heartbeat and recently met two other people in the area who have the same condition.

“Everybody has had someone that has died of cancer,” said Taylor’s daughter Tish as she stood in the doorway of the family’s home on East 26th Street. To an outsider like me, the neighborhood looked festive, with kids playing on neatly mown lawns and Mardi Gras beads adorning many of the doors. But when Tish, who is 53 and has lived on the block since she was 4, looked at the nearby houses, she saw the people who had fallen ill. “Mr. Henry died of cancer, and he had two sons who were diagnosed with it, too. And Miss Sissy, who lives down the block toward

the river, she had pancreatic cancer and died this month. Ms. Diane died of cancer, too,” Tish said, ticking off the casualties on her fingers.

“Something is clearly not right with this area,” said Lydia Gerard, whose husband developed kidney cancer at age 64 that recently metastasized and spread to his chest. Gerard herself suffers from sudden bouts of diarrhea and anemia as well as vitiligo and other autoimmune problems. Her lips and eyes often swell inexplicably and she has itchy welts on her arms and legs that get better when she goes to work 30 miles away – and come back with a vengeance when she returns home. While I was interviewing Gerard and her husband in their two-story home, I also broke out in hives.

Besides being a likely human carcinogen, chloroprene, the gas the plant has been releasing into this community for 48 years, is known to weaken immune systems and cause headaches, heart palpitations, anemia, stomach problems, impaired kidney function, and rashes. So the EPA’s news, bad as it was, provided a form of relief. After all these years, a government agency was helping to explain the residents’ strange predicament. The people living next to the plant might be sick, but at least they weren’t crazy.



The Dupont/Denka plant as seen from a levee wall on the opposite side of River Road in Reserve, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana, on Feb. 24, 2017. Photo: William Widmer for The Intercept

The air pollution crisis in St. John the Baptist may be the best illustration of why we need the EPA — and how the imminent slashing of the federal agency's budget will be measurable in illnesses and deaths. Since 2002, the EPA has periodically published a report estimating the expected number of cancers per million people in every census tract based on airborne emissions from industry. For most of the country, the expected number of cancers due to this pollution is somewhere between zero and one. The national average is .968.

But for the people living in the census tract within St. John the Baptist that is home to the Taylors, Kellers, Sanders, and Gerards, the risk is dramatically higher. According to the EPA's most recent National Air Toxics Assessment, which was published in December 2015, the lifetime risk of cancer from air pollution in this area, which is less than 2 square miles, is a staggering 777 per million people, by far the highest in the

country and more than 800 times the national average. Other census tracts near the plant had risks that were more than 200, 300, and 400 times higher.

No one I spoke to in this patch of the parish seemed surprised by the idea that the synthetic rubber plant just over the chain link fence from their houses might have a role in the community's health problems. DuPont opened the factory on a former sugar plantation called Belle Point in 1964, and its smokestacks have been pumping out chloroprene over this mostly African-American neighborhood since 1969. Many of the people living here can trace their roots back to slavery, when their ancestors worked on nearby plantations, and some of their homes are former slaves' quarters. And now the giant property next door looms over their lives in other ways. Most can see the stacks from their windows. And the residents I spoke with said that at times, odors wafted from the factory that smelled "pungent and rotten," "almost like a singed plastic" — or, as Mary Hampton put it simply, "like poison."

Hampton said she gets sinus attacks when the chemicals are at their smelliest — and she is not alone. Although there has been no formal study of health effects in the area, Wilma Subra, a consultant who has been working with the Louisiana Environmental Action Network to help the residents of St. John the Baptist respond to the news about chloroprene, recently surveyed 150 people who live near the plant about their symptoms after what she calls "odor events." Eighteen reported having sinus problems, 31 reported burning eyes, 25 reported headaches, and 14 stomachaches. Others reported diarrhea, difficulty breathing, and rashes.

Lois Frank, who is 65 and has lived within a few blocks of the plant since it opened, said that at first, the intense smells threw many people in the neighborhood into a panic. "My mother would call the plant and say, 'You must have a leak,' and they'd send somebody in the truck. And

then they would always tell us, ‘We don’t smell anything,’” Frank remembered recently. “After a while, people got tired so they just stopped calling. What’s the point in calling if they ain’t going to do nothing about it?”

Almost 50 years later, the fumes remain, along with the sense of being powerless to stop them. On a mild evening a few months ago, when Robert Taylor arrived home from a trip to New Orleans, the smell was “so bad, you couldn’t even walk, you had to run inside.” He called 911 to report it. When a fire official arrived a few minutes later, his response was validating, if not helpful. “He got out of his vehicle and he said, ‘Oh my God, do they really expect you people to live in this? You understand you got a problem here?’” Taylor recalled. The problem the fire official was referring to wasn’t the smell, according to Taylor. “He said, ‘You know this is one of the biggest taxpayers in the parish!’”

Until recently, Lois Frank thought of the smelly cloud from her powerful neighbor as just a nuisance. “We knew we were getting emissions,” said Frank. Her husband, who died of leukemia at age 52, was one of four people in her immediate family to get cancer. “We just didn’t know how bad it was. We didn’t know about the chloroprene.”



A young boy walks home from school along Robinet Drive, one block from the fence of the Dupont/Denka plant in Reserve, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana, on Feb. 20, 2017. Photo: William Widmer for The Intercept

A little-known division of the EPA called the Integrated Risk Information System helped quantify exactly how bad chloroprene is. IRIS evaluates the toxicity of chemicals and in 2010 concluded that the colorless chemical that is the building block of neoprene, one of 28 the plant releases into the air, was a likely human carcinogen. The classification was based in part on research showing that the rats and mice exposed to the stuff developed cancers of the thyroid gland, lung, kidney, liver, mammary gland, and fore-stomach. The 2010 report referred to studies showing that chloroprene increased the risk of cancers in people, too. Studies of four different human populations around the world showed that exposure to the chemical increased the risk of liver cancer, in one case by more than 700 percent. Other studies IRIS reviewed showed a link to lung cancer. In one study of Russian shoe factory workers exposed between 1960 and 1976, chloroprene increased rates of

leukemia and kidney cancer as well as liver cancer. The study also showed chloroprene elevated the risk of colon cancer and deaths from a combination of all cancers.

It took too long for the EPA to get the research on chloroprene to the people who needed it most. Although the agency published its air toxics data, which included a map that clearly showed the risk in St. John the Baptist in December 2015, it wasn't until the following May that John Vandenberg, director of the EPA's National Center for Environmental Assessment, wrote to the regional office to point out the elevated cancer risk in the parish, which houses the U.S.'s only neoprene-manufacturing plant and is the major source of chloroprene emissions in the country.

Vandenberg's letter, which identified chloroprene as "likely to be carcinogenic to humans," revealed how slowly the critical information made its way through government. The National Toxicology Program's Report on Carcinogens described chloroprene as "reasonably anticipated to be a human carcinogen" in 2005, as the letter noted, and the International Agency for Research on Cancer had classified chloroprene as "possibly carcinogenic to humans" in 1999, 17 years before the letter was sent.

Still, the dangers chloroprene poses to particular communities would likely not have been quantified at all if not for IRIS, which has been a frequent target of industry in the years it has assessed the toxicity of chemicals. And the knowledge of these health effects wouldn't have been combined with data on the release of hazardous chemicals to calculate the localized risks of cancer from air pollution if not for another branch of the federal agency: the EPA's Air Toxics Assessment Group. That information made it from the obscure report to the people of St. John the Baptist Parish thanks to yet another division of the agency, the regional office, which met with a local environmental

organization, the Louisiana Environmental Action Network, in June and has since helped arrange for air monitoring around the plant.



Local youth play basketball after school in the driveway of a home located one block from the fence of the Dupont/Denka plant in Reserve, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana, on Feb. 20, 2017.

Photo: William Widmer for The Intercept

The EPA was created in 1970 in large part to right the power imbalance between industry and residents of polluted communities like St. John the Baptist. Richard Nixon was president at the time and appointed William Ruckelshaus, or “the enforcer,” as he came to be called, to lead the agency. Among Ruckelshaus’s victories was getting companies to comply with the newly passed law to curtail air pollution, the Clean Air Act. Ruckelshaus even managed to get Union Carbide, then a powerful chemical company, to reduce emissions at its plant in Marietta, Georgia, after the company initially threatened to fire workers if it was forced to comply with the EPA’s new pollution emissions schedule.

Forty-seven years later, our current scandal-ridden Republican president is handling environmental enforcement differently. Donald Trump, who threatened to eliminate the EPA entirely during his campaign, has instead installed as its administrator former Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt, who built his career trying to undermine the agency. “Polluting Pruitt,” as some call him, has already begun making cuts that will eviscerate the EPA’s ability to protect Americans from dangerous industrial pollution.

The EPA declined to answer questions about specific cuts, but the new administration is likely to shrink or eliminate every branch of the agency that helped convey the risks of chloroprene to the people of St. John the Baptist. Leaked versions of the agency’s budget show that the administration plans to zero out funding for local air pollution monitoring. And cuts are expected to the regional offices.

Trump’s proposed budget also cuts most funding for the Office of Environmental Justice, which was devoted to protecting communities like the one in St. John the Baptist, according to Mustafa Ali, one of the founding members of that office. I spoke with Ali the morning he resigned from the agency he served for 25 years, most recently as the senior adviser for environmental justice and community revitalization. He told me he chose to leave because he has “a different set of values and priorities” from the new administration and that low-income communities and communities of color contend with disproportionate environmental pollution because, “lots of times, people don’t put as much value on their lives.”

IRIS, the only division of the agency that independently assesses the toxicity of industrial chemicals, is almost certain to fall victim to the cuts as well. The proposed budget calls for \$2.6 billion in cuts to the EPA, including \$233 million from the Office of Research in Development, which includes IRIS. Republicans on the House Science

Committee had already made it clear at a hearing in February that elimination of IRIS was one of their three priorities for the EPA. And the Competitive Enterprise Institute, the think tank run by Myron Ebell, who headed Trump's EPA transition team, identified IRIS as "top on the list" of environmental programs to cut.

"I'm sure it's a key thing they want to get rid of, IRIS, because of how influential it is," one EPA staff member told me. "If they kill that, they kill the ability to regulate. The whole world looks at an IRIS evaluation. It really does draw the line in the sand and tells people where the risk is. Once that's defined, you can go back to the water concentration and the air concentration and show that you have to do something. Without IRIS, you might be able to measure something in the air or water, but you won't have any proof that it's a problem."

Republicans have also targeted funding for both the International Agency for Research on Cancer and the National Institute for Environmental Health, which publishes the National Report on Carcinogens, the two other governmental bodies that recognized the cancer risk of chloroprene years ago. Together with IRIS, these two programs provide the only significant counterweight to industry's own research. As we've seen many times before, that science is often biased by companies' interest in maintaining the profitability of their products.



Cows graze on land bordering the Dupont/Denka plant in Reserve, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana, on Feb. 24, 2017. Photo: William Widmer for The Intercept

DuPont's long history of keeping troubling scientific research about its products secret underscores the need for independent scientists to evaluate chemicals — and make those findings public. Indeed, while the people of St. John the Baptist didn't know which chemical they were inhaling, let alone the dangers it posed, DuPont was well aware that chloroprene presented health risks even before the company started neoprene production at the plant in St. John the Baptist in 1969.

DuPont introduced neoprene — a flexible substance that would go on to be used to make everything from gaskets and hoses to mouse pads, fly-fishing waders, and wetsuits — in 1931. As it did with PFOA, a chemical used to make Teflon, the company carefully studied the effects of chloroprene. As far back as 1938, DuPont scientists conducted experiments with the chemical used to make the new synthetic rubber, and by 1941, they expressed concerns about its safety.

That year, John Foulger, who was then head of DuPont's in-house toxicology unit, Haskell Laboratory, issued a report called "Toxicity of Chlorabutadiene," which is another name for chloroprene. The report, which DuPont submitted to the EPA in 1992, more than 50 years after it was written (and which I accessed through the EPA's website), detailed a list of complaints made by DuPont workers exposed to the chemical that is eerily similar to the list of problems now plaguing the people of St. John the Baptist: dizziness, headaches, nausea, heart palpitations, diarrhea, and rapid pulse.

Foulger, who labeled the report "personal and confidential" in 1941, also summarized Haskell studies showing that dogs exposed to chloroprene developed the same type of problems the neoprene workers had. Foulger recommended re-examining workers who experienced abnormal pulse or blood pressure after being exposed to chloroprene within a few days and if the symptoms continued, then lowering their exposure "to avoid the production of definite tissue damage."

DuPont scientists also exposed guinea pigs to chloroprene and according to the 1941 report found that when there was more than 50 parts per million of the chemical in the air, "there may occur circulatory abnormality." Prolonged exposure, Foulger noted, "may produce serious circulator abnormality, and even lead to collapse."

Even back then, the scientists worried about how ongoing exposure to chloroprene might affect people. "It has been our general experience with other compounds producing this same type of circulatory abnormality that the longer the man is exposed to concentrations of toxic chemical capable of producing circulator abnormality, the less rapidly does he recover when removed from exposure," Foulger wrote 76 years ago.

Despite the concerns, DuPont began making neoprene in an industrial neighborhood called Rubbertown in Louisville, Kentucky, in 1941, and began production at its St. John the Baptist plant in 1969. Two years later, Haskell scientists performed another chloroprene experiment, exposing 10 rats to chloroprene gas. Several of the animals developed head tremors and “incoordination of legs” and three of the animals died after the exposure, according to a 1971 document that DuPont sent to the EPA in 1992.

The company appears to have alerted at least one other part of the government to the risks. In 1974, John Zapp, who was then the director of Haskell Labs, sent a letter to the acting director of the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health, expressing concern over the potential carcinogenicity of chloroprene. At that point, there was already ample evidence to suggest the chemical was a health hazard. “The primary responses to chloroprene appear to be central nervous system depression and significant injury to lungs, liver, and kidneys,” stated a bulletin the CDC published in January 1975. The bulletin referenced the Russian study that showed elevated rates of lung and skin cancer among workers exposed to the chemical and noted that animals exposed to chloroprene had a decreased number of white blood cells, which play a central role in immune function.



Elva Cook Perrilloux at home in Reserve, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana, on Feb. 20, 2017.  
Photo: William Widmer for The Intercept

But this information never made it to the people in St. John the Baptist, who by then were already smelling the emissions from the plant. By 1988, according to internal DuPont documents obtained by The Intercept, the company was concerned enough about the dangers of chloroprene to set its own limit for round-the-clock exposure at 0.5 parts per million (ppm). Exposure above that limit would “not necessarily result in any adverse affects,” according to a 1994 document marked “for DuPont use only.” In 1988, the company also set an “acceptable exposure limit” for workers exposed to the chemical for 12 hours: 10 ppm. By 1999, the company had lowered that limit to 2 ppm, presumably based on new discoveries it had made about the health effects of chloroprene.

By 2002, people living near Rubbertown, Kentucky, where the DuPont neoprene facility was one of more than a dozen chemical plants, had begun to complain about cancer and other health problems. That year,

DuPont scientists embarked on their own study of workers at the company's neoprene plants in Louisiana, Kentucky, and Ireland. While researchers around the world had found that chloroprene exposure elevated the risks of various cancers, the DuPont study, which was funded by the International Institute of Synthetic Rubber Producers and published in 2006, found almost no evidence that it increased the risk of developing cancer. That year, the company cited the study in an effort to get scientific groups to reclassify chloroprene so it was no longer a potential human carcinogen, according to Rubber & Plastics News.

Under pressure from workers and environmental groups in Kentucky, DuPont closed its Rubbertown plant in 2008. The year before, the United Steelworkers, who had called attention to the health risks of chloroprene, wrote to Louisiana Gov. Kathleen Blanco to warn that consolidating neoprene production at the St. John the Baptist plant would cause "added pollution and a higher risk of cancer."

Nevertheless, DuPont did consolidate its neoprene operation at the Louisiana plant, where it made the chemical until November 2015. Then, six weeks before the EPA published the National Air Toxics Assessment – which combined emissions data with the health information in the IRIS report to calculate that the risk of cancer from air pollution near the plant was hundreds of times higher than in other parts of the country – DuPont announced the sale of the neoprene division of the plant to a Japanese company called Denka Performance Elastomers. Under new ownership, the production and emissions continued.

Although DuPont sold the division, it could still potentially be liable for the 46 years in which it produced neoprene at the plant. And at least as far back as 2009, it had enlisted a science-for-hire consulting company, now known as Ramboll Environ, to represent its interests on chloroprene. Ramboll Environ, which has also represented Phillip

Morris, met with the EPA in August 2016 to challenge the agency's finding that chloroprene is a likely carcinogen.

Although the EPA did not change its classification of the chemical, DuPont continues to maintain that its plant posed no risk to the community in St. John the Baptist. In response to a list of questions regarding the plant and the company's knowledge of the dangers of chloroprene, DuPont provided the following statement:

While DuPont operated the Pontchartrain site, we protected our workers from chloroprene exposure applying standards that were up to 125 times more stringent than U.S. Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA) standards. DuPont also took great care to protect the health and safety of community-area residents operating under an air permit issued by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ), which established chloroprene emission limits and met the Louisiana Toxic Air Pollutant Ambient Air Standard for chloroprene. We believe there was no community risk associated with chloroprene.

In response to a list of questions about its awareness of the risks associated with chloroprene, Denka Performance Elastomers consistently challenged the EPA's assessment. "EPA's 2010 Toxicity Review of Chloroprene characterizes chloroprene as a likely human carcinogen. The epidemiological studies do not support that conclusion, and St. John the Baptist Parish, where the DPE facility is located, has one of the lower cancer incidence rates in Louisiana," a company spokesperson wrote in a statement, adding: "The epidemiological data does not demonstrate a credible link between human exposure to chloroprene and the incidence of cancers in chloroprene workers, who are exposed to much higher concentrations of chloroprene than members of the community."

Denka also stated that it was not aware of the forthcoming EPA air toxics assessment until several days after it acquired the neoprene division of the plant on November 1, 2015.

Denka emphasized that its operations are in compliance with its air permits, which is true. When the company purchased the facility in 2015, it came with a permit that allows Denka to emit 403,580 pounds of chloroprene per year, which is more than 100,00 pounds above what it actually emits. But the permit was first issued in 1994, well before the EPA recognized the chemical as a likely human carcinogen.



Portraits of Elva Cook Perrilloux's son Bryant Joseph Perrilloux and her sister Leander Cook Jack hang on the wall of her home in Reserve, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana, on Feb. 20, 2017. Both died of cancer. Photo: William Widmer for The Intercept

The EPA generally strives to keep the risk of cancer from air pollution to less than one for every million people. But a May 2016 memo about chloroprene from Kelly Rimer of the agency's Air Toxics Assessment

Group acknowledged that such a low rate isn't always obtainable and offered instead as the "upper limit of acceptability" a risk of 100 in a million. To stay below that higher level, chloroprene emissions would have to be kept to no more than .2 micrograms per cubic meter.

While Denka indicated it would try to reduce its chloroprene emissions by 85 percent, the company has not committed to meeting any particular level.

Though the numbers from IRIS are officially "risk estimates" and not enforceable limits, the EPA can use them to create binding rules and regulations. But that process, which takes years under the best of circumstances, is very unlikely to move forward while Trump is in office.

States can also use the IRIS numbers to set their own rules. But that seems unlikely in Louisiana. Chuck Carr Brown, the head of Louisiana's Department of Environmental Quality, told me that the .2 micrograms level is "just a guidance." Instead of aiming to keep emissions below the recommended level, Brown said he is working with Denka to improve leak detection and repair and install various technologies that, he said, should reduce the level of chloroprene emissions by the end of 2017.

Although the EPA document that set the level indicates that its confidence in its calculations is "medium/high," Brown, a former industry consultant, also said that "nobody is standing behind that number" and that "there are folks that are challenging IRIS." When I asked which folks Brown was referring to, he didn't respond. At a December meeting with residents of St. John the Baptist Parish, Brown suggested there was no cause for "fearmongering."

Brown pointed to the state's cancer registry, which he told me "doesn't show any elevated levels of cancer at all in any group of people." It is true that the Louisiana Tumor Registry fails to show an elevated rate of

all cancers in the parish as a whole, compared to the rest of the state, which has the fourth highest rate of cancer deaths in the country (only Mississippi, Kentucky, and West Virginia have higher rates). But it's impossible to tell from that data whether there is any increase in liver cancer, which is the type of cancer most clearly linked to chloroprene. The tumor registry doesn't report cancers at all if there are fewer than 16 cases or deaths, according to Lauren S. Maniscalco, the registry's liaison. The registry withholds data for smaller areas to protect the confidentiality of patients, Maniscalco said.

Reporting data at the parish or county level, however, instead of the zip code or census tract, makes it virtually impossible to see hotspots within the county. Because liver cancer is rare — there are only 7.6 cases for every 100,000 people in the U.S. — you would expect to find about three cancers in the entire parish. According to county level data from the CDC and National Cancer Institute, St. John the Baptist Parish has three or fewer cases of liver cancer. But even one case in the small census tract next to the factory, which has just 1,966 residents, would represent a rate more than six times what's expected.

“Parish-level data is not going to tell you anything about locale-based health problems,” said Barbara Allen, a sociologist who has studied the Louisiana Tumor Registry, which has been sued by at least one researcher for its refusal to share data. The registry was also paid by the Louisiana Chemical Association to produce a study of links between industry and cancer in 1989. “By collecting the data and only releasing it at the parish level, the tumor registry and other interested parties know that there is no way to show a correlation between living near industry and disease,” Allen said.



Two air-quality monitoring devices are mounted on public land near the Dupont/Denka plant in Reserve, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana, on Feb. 24, 2017. Photo: William Widmer for The Intercept

While the hard cancer statistics are either inconclusive or disputed, no one has even attempted to tally the autoimmune diseases or other problems that have been reported both in the scientific literature on chloroprene and in the neighborhood. But thanks to spherical metal air monitors that have been hanging at six points near the neoprene factory since May, the level of the chemical in the air is becoming increasingly clear.

When we spoke, Brown told me that the improvements at the plant had already brought about a significant reduction in emissions. “I won’t take a victory lap too soon, but the numbers are looking good,” Brown said. But monitoring data on the EPA website show that there is still plenty of chloroprene in the air by the plant.

In November, a monitor by the intersection of Acorn Street and Highway 44, which runs alongside the river, was 765 times higher than the level the EPA calculated would have a 100-in-a-million cancer risk from air pollution. By the clinic, where many residents go for treatment, the level was more than 330 times higher. And on a Saturday in January, the level of the likely carcinogen in the air by the Fifth Ward Elementary School was 370 times above what the EPA described as the upper limit of acceptability. That is more than 37,000 times higher than the level of chloroprene the EPA calculated would bring the risk of cancer down to one in a million.



The Concerned Citizens of St. John the Baptist Parish hold a meeting with community members at the St. John the Baptist Parish Clerk of Court in Edgard, Louisiana, Feb. 20, 2017. Photo: William Widmer for The Intercept

Whether the pollution is hundreds or thousands of times what it should be, the knowledge that children are being exposed to elevated levels of a

likely carcinogen would be enough to spark widespread outrage and immediate action in many places around the United States. But not in this part of Louisiana.

In October, Robert Taylor, along with his neighbors living near the plant, founded a group called Concerned Citizens of St. John the Baptist. Taylor, a retired general contractor and bass player, remembers drinking from “colored” water fountains and playing in bars where he had to walk through a separate entrance because “that’s where we made our living.” After the factory a few blocks away began making neoprene, he watched stoically as his nature-loving son mourned the plants and insects that seemed to retreat from the neighborhood. Even when the Taylors “lost outdoor air,” because the odors made it too unpleasant to be outside, he was resolute. “It was just subtle and gradual,” Taylor said, “like they were turning up the temperature a few degrees at a time.”

But the recent news that the chemical his family has been inhaling for so many years might have contributed to their illnesses has changed something in Taylor. “It’s too much,” he told me, while his wife rested on the couch next to us. In recent weeks, Taylor has been organizing meetings with Wilma Subra, the technical consultant who has worked with the Louisiana Environmental Action Network, discussing how they might be able to get the chemical out of their air.



Robert Taylor, 76, stands in the front yard of his home on East 26th Street in Reserve, Louisiana, on Feb. 24, 2017. Taylor is the president of the Concerned Citizens of St. John the Baptist, a community organizing group. Photo: William Widmer for The Intercept

But the local parish council and the school board have yet to address the issue. And in an area where churches guide much of public life, few religious leaders have spoken openly about the pollution problem. Steve Perrilloux, who leads the congregation at the Riverlands Christian Center in the parish and grew up two blocks from the plant, invited 15 pastors to a meeting in January to discuss supporting the community there, but since the meeting, only one has stepped forward to help.

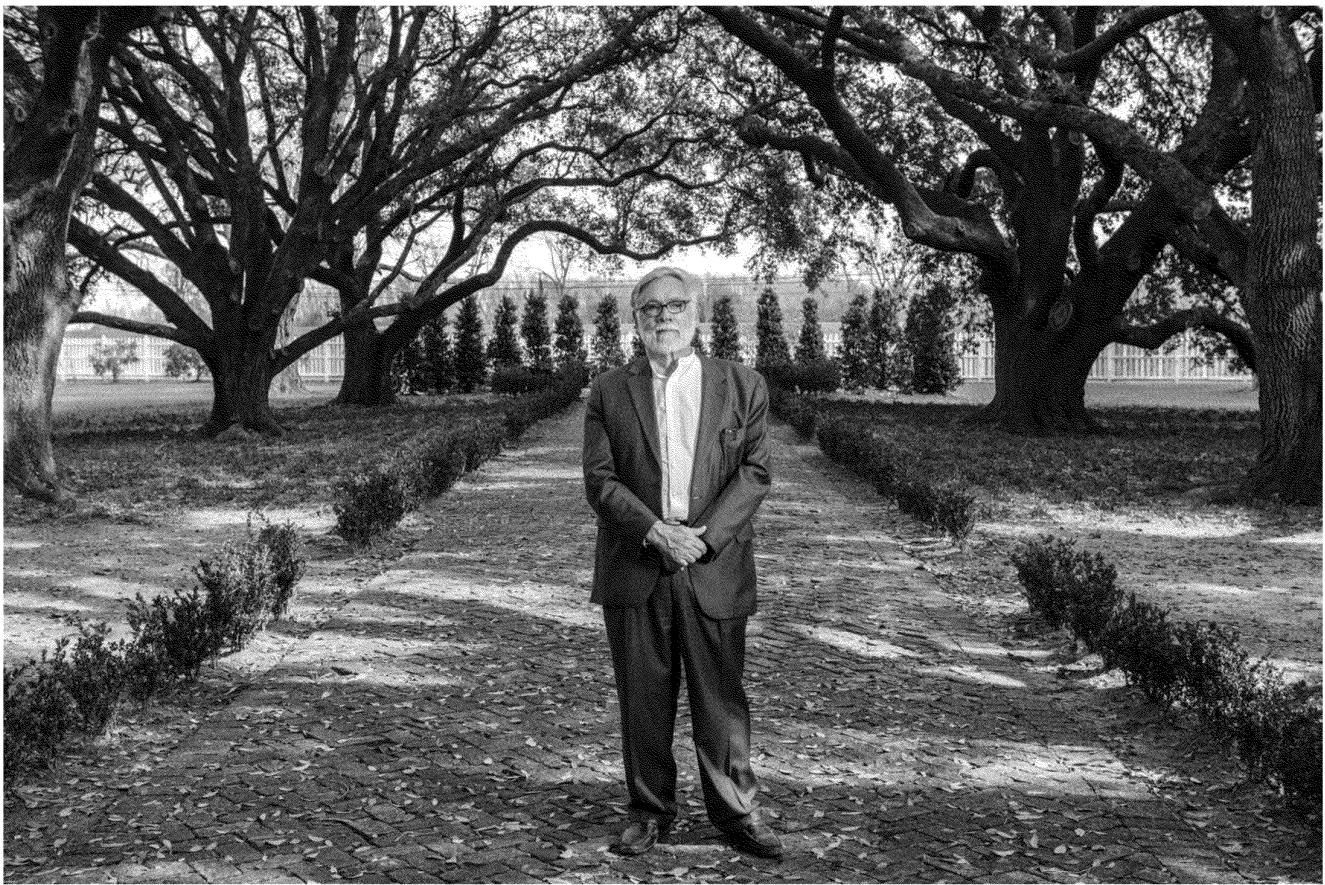
“They’re looking at dollars and cents and not recognizing that they have to stand for righteousness rather than an economic benefit,” Perrilloux said of the other pastors. “Sometimes people don’t want to get on the wrong side of the political leaders.”

Many people fear being seen as a threat to the chemical industry, which is one of the biggest local employers. Two hundred and fifty people work at the plant, though few members of the African-American community living right next door have managed to get any of the coveted jobs there. The two I heard of, Bryant Perrilloux and Nathan Duhe, also happened to die premature deaths from cancer. Duhe, who was an operator at the plant for more than two decades, died in his early 60s. And Perrilloux, a distant cousin of the pastor who began doing janitorial work at the plant after school when he was 17, died of stomach cancer when he was just 18.

Still, many local residents defend the plant. Pastor Perrilloux has already heard from people who see him as attacking a valued source of local income. “One even raised his voice and he even cursed at me,” he said.

I got a taste of how local authorities treat potential threats to industry when I took a walk along the Mississippi River on a Sunday morning while reporting this story. Setting out on a public walkway not far from the neoprene plant, I came to a mammoth industrial facility that runs along both sides of the road parallel to the river. Minutes after I used my phone to snap a photo of the tangled pipes that snaked above my head, a security vehicle and two sheriff’s cars arrived. A uniformed officer emerged from one and told me he would report me “to Homeland Security.” After I gave the officers my name and drove away, one of the cars followed me and pulled me over with sirens blaring, accusing me of using the wrong blinker and calling for backup.

Others who challenge the industry face worse hostility. In the more than two decades that she’s been providing technical assistance to residents of polluted areas in the South, Wilma Subra has had her office broken into more than 20 times. Someone even shot at the office once. Subra, who also helped the community living near the neoprene plant in Rubbertown, now does her work behind bulletproof glass.



John Cummings at the Whitney Plantation in Edgard, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana, on Feb. 20, 2017. Photo: William Widmer for The Intercept

The people living alongside the plant in St. John the Baptist Parish will be relying on Subra and one other person who is protected from the vagaries of the local economy as they move forward. John Cummings, a dapper 80-year-old trial lawyer who owns 6,000 acres in the parish, recently brought together a number of attorneys to “address the situation” near the plant, as he told me when we spoke amid the live oak trees on the Whitney Plantation. Cummings, who transformed the old sugar plantation into the state’s only museum of slavery and is clearly outraged by the pollution, described himself as “a bad guy to ignore.”

It’s easy to see how a person who has made and spent many millions in the area would expect people to listen to him. Robert Taylor and the others living near the neoprene plant have no such expectations. They’re used to being ignored.

For years, their fears about the plant hung over the neighborhood like the toxic gas. But the residents' collective sense that they were being harmed wasn't enough to get a response. It took the work of several divisions of the EPA over the course of many years to prove that people were in danger. And that was under administrations that at least nominally supported the agency's mission.

Under the best of circumstances, the agency designed to protect public health can give communities like the one in St. John the Baptist a shot at vanquishing the pollutants that affect their health. Without it, they might not even have that.

Top photo: Nine-year-old residents Jaden James, left, and Lance Bovie pause on Robinet Drive, less than a block from the fence of the Dupont/Denka plant in Reserve, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana, on Feb. 20, 2017.

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Four New Governmentwide Academic Alliances March 14 2017.pdf

Thought I'd share OPM's new government wide academic alliance list. See the attached for more details.

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MEMORANDUM FOR CHIEF HUMAN CAPITAL OFFICERS

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Subject:

Four New Academic Agreements Offer Federal Employees Reduced Tuition Rates and Scholarships to Pursue Post-Secondary Education

The U.S. Office of Personnel Management's (OPM) mission is to recruit, retain and honor a world-class workforce to serve the American people. OPM has entered into academic agreements with College for America at Southern New Hampshire University, Drexel University Online, Georgetown University School of Continuing Studies, and the University of Maryland Robert H. Smith School of Business as part of OPM's continued effort to close skills gaps, increase Federal employees' access to high-quality, affordable educational resources, and further develop and sustain the Federal workforce.

The agreements provide reduced tuition rates and/or scholarships to Federal employees; some of the agreements extend the benefits to spouses and legal dependents. The portfolio of these institutions include programs that address some of the Federal Government's mission-critical occupation skills in the areas of Acquisition, Human Resources, Financial Auditing, Economics, Information Technology with an emphasis on Cybersecurity, and Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). These agreements take effect immediately.

For more information about the programs, admissions, and contact information for each school, see Appendix 1 (attached). For additional information, please contact OPM's Learning and Development Team via email at [learninganddevelopment@opm.gov](mailto:learninganddevelopment@opm.gov).

Attachment—Appendix 1: New Governmentwide Academic Alliances List

cc: Deputy Chief Human Capital Officers, Human Resources and Equal Employment Opportunity Directors, Headquarters and Field Office Training Officers, Chief Learning Officers, and Benefits Officers

## Appendix 1

### New Governmentwide Academic Alliances List

College	Who is eligible?	Online/On-Campus	Alliance Information	Admissions and Contact
<b>College for America at Southern New Hampshire University</b>  College for America is a nonprofit, workplace applicable, competency-based degree program, designed to accommodate the busy lives of working adults. College for America students can earn an associate's or bachelor's degree, online and at their own pace, from Southern New Hampshire University, a fully accredited university based in New Hampshire.	Federal Government employees and their family members.  Family members are defined as the following: • Spouse, and parents thereof; • Sons and daughters, and spouses thereof; • Parents, and spouses thereof; • Brothers and sisters, and spouses thereof; • Grandparents and grandchildren, and spouses thereof.	Online	<a href="http://collegeforamerica.org/Gov">http://collegeforamerica.org/Gov</a>	E-mail: <a href="mailto:admissions@collegeforamerica.org">admissions@collegeforamerica.org</a>  Phone: 1-855-764-8232, option 2
<b>Drexel University Online</b>  Drexel University, a top-ranked, urban research university, is a pioneer in technology-enhanced education for working adults. Today, after launching its first online degree program in 1996, this transformative university offers more than 140 fully online degree and certificate programs, using the same accredited curriculum and distinguished faculty as it does on campus.	Federal Government employees and their immediate family members	Online	<a href="https://online.drexel.edu/opm">https://online.drexel.edu/opm</a>	Email: <a href="mailto:https://online.drexel.edu/online-degrees/apply.aspx">https://online.drexel.edu/online-degrees/apply.aspx</a> Phone: 877-215-0009
<b>Georgetown University School of Continuing Studies</b>  Georgetown University School of Continuing Studies fulfills the university's educational mission by offering a wide range of degree programs and applied learning experiences to a broad and inclusive community of students and professionals. The educational programs found within Georgetown SCS combine theory with practice through rigorous curricula led by experts in their fields, providing opportunities for students to excel academically and professionally.	Federal Government employees	On Campus and Online	<a href="http://scs.georgetown.edu/opm-federal-scholarship-alliance/">http://scs.georgetown.edu/opm-federal-scholarship-alliance/</a>	Email: <a href="mailto:scscholarships@georgetown.edu">scscholarships@georgetown.edu</a> SCS Office of Admissions (202) 687-6299
<b>University of Maryland (UMD), Robert H. Smith School of Business (Smith)</b>  One of 12 colleges and schools at the University of Maryland in College Park, the Smith School is plugged into the business, government, nonprofit and professional networks of the Washington, D.C., area. Smith's community of scholars and practitioners is deeply supportive of learning, equipping students with the analytical and leadership skills needed to succeed from campuses in College Park, Md., Rockville, Md., Washington, D.C., and Baltimore, Md. Federal employees can deepen their subject matter skills with one of eight rigorous specialty master's programs, or broaden their leadership skills with a top-ranked online, part-time, or executive MBA program.	Federal Government employees and/or their spouses	On Campus and Online	<a href="https://www.rhsmith.umd.edu/fedgrant">https://www.rhsmith.umd.edu/fedgrant</a>	Email: <a href="mailto:aowens@rhsmith.umd.edu">aowens@rhsmith.umd.edu</a> SUBJECT LINE: Federal Employee

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**Subject:** RE: Khanna Johnston / SAB

Hi Chris – Thank you for your email. I'm glad it is all working out. This email serves as acknowledgement and approval of Khanna's transfer to SAB. If you need anything more please let Kevin or me know. Best, Robin

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**Subject:** Khanna Johnston / SAB

I would like to formally request the transfer of Khanna Johnston from OCIR to SAB. It is my understanding that a formal request from me to OCIR is needed to proceed. Thank you for being so helpful and thank you for sharing Khanna with us. She has been enormously helpful to me and the entire SAB team.

Cheers!

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